

## Shinui delays bid for early elections

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 10th Knesset's life span was prolonged at least by a few weeks, when Shinui yesterday decided not to submit its early elections bill to a vote today after all.

It is now thought that an early elections bill might be placed on the Knesset agenda a month from now. This is after the new budget is due to be presented to the House.

Shinui planned to put the bill to a vote today and seek to limit the election campaign to 35 days.

However, the party had to alter its plans, when it became clear that a majority could not be mustered. Had Shinui persisted and failed to achieve a majority, it would have been impossible to submit another such bill for six months. Talking into account the Knesset recess, the wait

would have been nearly nine months.

Shinui was especially pressed not to go ahead by Labour, which feared that the bill would not pass. Shinui MK Amnon Rubinstein explained yesterday that his two-member faction decided to shelve the initiative for the time being, after realizing that it would not achieve a majority.

Shinui's two MKs spent the past two days in intensive contacts with possible coalition supporters of the bill.

Their first targets were maverick Liberal MKs Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman. The two explained that they favour early elections in principle, but are understood to have opposed Shinui's intention of legislating a 35-day election campaign instead of the current 100 day period.

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## Herzog says verbal violence leads directly to terrorism

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Political leaders who have not condemned verbal extremism share the blame for the atmosphere that led to the murder of peace activist Emil Grunzweig and to the recent spate of attacks on Christian and Moslem holy places, President Chaim Herzog said last night.

Herzog spoke at a convocation at the Hebrew University, on "Freedom of Speech — the Soul of Democracy," on the Hebrew anniversary of Grunzweig's murder. It was held at the Giv'at Ram campus just a short distance from the spot opposite the Prime Minister's Office where Grunzweig was killed by

a grenade thrown into a demonstration by Peace Now.

The president warned that the intolerance and cowardice exposed by the murder and lately by Jewish terror groups point to the danger of civil war. "The danger to our society today is internal, not external," he said, "and only we can uproot it."

"It is not just deranged individuals at the margin of society who have caused these acts of murder and terror. They have occurred against the background of a culture of political discussion that evokes the deepest revulsion. People who 'hurt' charges against each

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## Six charged in last July's Hebron riot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem district attorney yesterday filed charges against six residents of Kiryat Arba for rioting in the Hebron market last July following the murder there of yeshiva student Aharon Gross. During the riot scores of stores and stalls belonging to Arab merchants were burned and destroyed.

Menachem Lieberman is accused of firing into the air without good reason with his Uzi submachine gun and of calling on the crowd to "join him in killing the Arabs."

Yitzhak Shimon, Abe Tibi and Jean Felt are accused of preventing fire-fighting vehicles from reaching the market and of deliberately smashing the lights and windcreens of a fire engine.

Aviva Nir is accused of moving a burning crate to a stack of other crates in an attempt to set them alight. When the crate was removed by an Israeli Defence Forces officer, she is alleged to have mocked him for not helping her burn the market.

No date has yet been set for the trial.

## Bank gives Zamir some data on Levinson

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bank Hapoalim yesterday presented to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir some of its material suggesting that its former boss, Ya'acov Levinson, may have broken the law.

The meeting was arranged after two members of the bank's board of directors, Amiram Sivan and Shraga Rothman, discovered there had been unexplained transactions between bank branches and a subsidiary abroad. Levinson and the former head of the bank's international department, Haim Berg-

tein, declined to explain the transfers.

At yesterday's meeting at Zamir's office, the bank's legal adviser, Raviv Levin, presented some of the material which the bank had turned up. A Justice Ministry statement later said Levin had presented "partial information."

Zamir, flanked by State Attorney Yona Blatman and senior aides, asked for more details, which the bank is expected to present at a meeting scheduled for next week. At that meeting a "preliminary dis-

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## DAVID LANDAU reports from Buenos Aires:

# Can a Jew be president of Argentina?

"I DO NOT know if I ever will become president," says Diego Guellar, 33, Peronist member of the Chamber of Deputies, vice-chairman of its budget and finance committee, noted lawyer, partner of a family bank — and Jew.

"But I've promised my nine-year-old son that he, at any rate, will face no problem if he wants to run for president. At present, though, he seems to want to be a footballer."

The Argentine constitution enacted in 1853 provides that only a

Roman Catholic can be president. Guellar says he is working to change this as part of a much-needed general revision of the constitution.

"Why don't the Jewish organizations speak out against it? Why do they accept the role of second-class citizens?" he asks.

Marcelo Stubrin, 32, deputy head of the "Radical Faction" in the Chamber of Deputies, also a lawyer and a Jew, is another of the bright young men who entered parliament in last October's election.

"People point to my career as a successful political leader to prove that there is no anti-Semitism in Argentina," Stubrin says. "But that is simply untrue. I always say to the Jewish organizations: You must fight against discrimination."

Guellar, who has no contact with organized Jewish life, is full of criticism of the Jewish organizations and of Zionism as he understands it. Stubrin, closer to the community, is also groping for "a new Zionism, to suit Argentina, to suit the 1980s."

Both men urge "integration" for

Argentine Jews. Both are politically powerful, articulate, ambitious, troubled and confused about their Jewishness. The descendants of turn-of-the-century immigrants, they provide fascinating insights into contemporary trends in this unique Jewish community of nearly 300,000.

Both men lived dangerously during the junta years — and their record is part of their political strength now that democracy has resurfaced in Argentina.

Guellar went underground from 1976 to 1978. As a leader of the left-wing Peronist Youth Movement, he would have been a prime target for the junta kidnap squads.

"At the age of 16," he recalls, "I decided to join the Peronist Youth. Peron was in exile and the party was illegal. But for me it was — and still is — the national liberation movement of Argentina. It still has great work to do."

His family, says Guellar, was not traditional. "But I always felt Jewish. It is not true that the

Peronist movement is anti-Semitic. My colleagues in the faction respect me as a Jew. I hope to be the candidate for governor of Buenos Aires Province in the election in 1986."

Guellar was 11th in the Peronist list of 70 congressional candidates for the province in the election in October. The Argentine system provides for proportional representation in each province. Buenos

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## Municipal strike in fourth day

# Back-to-work orders signed as talks go on

Jerusalem Post Staff

Representatives of the government, the Histadrut and the local authorities' employees were engaged late last night in intense negotiations to end the strike in the country's municipalities which today goes into its fourth day.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday signed compulsory back-to-work orders for essential employees, under emergency regulations. The head of each local authority will thus be able to call back to work any worker considered to be indispensable to the basic functioning of his jurisdiction.

As a result of the strike, nursery schools are to close today, and other schools are to close tomorrow.

Piles of garbage built up in many towns and cities.

The Treasury declared yesterday that the workers' demands represent a wage increase of more than 30 per cent, and that if this were granted, the entire wage system in the public sector would collapse.

The Treasury insisted that the Histadrut leadership promise that any arrangement reached with local authorities workers would not be the base for new demands from other sectors.

Treasury officials said that if the strike turns out to be a long one, the Interior Ministry and the Union of Local Authorities (ULA) would start distributing plastic garbage bags to the population.

The Treasury is prepared to grant employees the IS5,000 compensation granted to other workers in the public sector. It also offered to give an additional special compensation of IS600 to workers in the lower grades.

All over the country, the stench of garbage from growing piles of

garbage constituted a reminder of the strike. Commercial areas and fashionable shopping, eating and entertainment centres suffered most from the heaps of uncollected garbage.

In Tel Aviv, hundreds of tons of garbage accumulated in the Carmel and other markets, and sidewalks in residential streets were covered with garbage, spilling out of plastic bags and cardboard boxes.

If the strike continues today, garbage collectors are to be recruited to clear the trash from hospitals and marketplaces, and maintenance workers are to be called to repair sewage leaks and potholes in streets.

Mayors of the large cities and representatives of the ULA met in Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek's office yesterday morning in an effort to find a solution to the strike.

ULA representatives then met with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-

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## Rumsfeld keeping mum on itinerary and ideas

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Diplomatic Reporter

U.S. special envoy Donald Rumsfeld arrived from Damascus yesterday and met with the acting director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Hanan Bar-On.

Rumsfeld is not believed to have any more meetings scheduled here and it is not known where his next stop will be in trying to defuse the Lebanese situation in contacts with the leaders of Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

American and Israeli officials alike heeded Rumsfeld's request to keep his movements, remarks, and efforts under the thickest possible wraps.

One avenue of speculation in Beirut, at least, was that the envoy was exploring the possibility of having the multi-national force

there replaced by some UN force.

Irrespective of whether a new force was envisaged or UNIFIL in Southern Lebanon were to have its deployment and its mandate changed, this would only be possible if the Soviet Union agreed.

Israeli officials recognize that September is the latest possible date to get the U.S. Marines out of Lebanon before their presence makes the Reagan presidential campaign go sour.

These officials think that Reagan will not pull the marines out if the probable result is total collapse in Beirut, campaign or no campaign. Instead, Reagan may well order the marines to evacuate their airport base and remain aboard Sixth Fleet vessels, until the Lebanese Army is better prepared to operate without an American crutch.

## Negotiators focussing on UN force for Beirut

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter  
and analyst

Efforts to replace the multinational peace-keeping force in Lebanon with a UN force from neutral countries appear to have taken precedence in recent days over the stymied Saudi plan to separate warring factions in and around Beirut.

According to reports from both Beirut and Damascus yesterday, the idea of deploying a UN force in place of the multinational force was the focus of U.S. special envoy Donald Rumsfeld's meeting in the Syrian capital on Monday with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam.

It is also believed to have been discussed with Saudi King Fahd's special envoy, Rafik Hariri, as well as with Francis Guttman, secretary-general of France's Exter-

nal Relations Ministry — both of whom were in Damascus earlier this week.

Rumsfeld's position was not reported, but the Reagan administration is under increasing pressure to withdraw its Marines from Beirut, and their replacement by a credible UN force could provide a opportunity for an American withdrawal. (Story — page 2)

France and Italy, the two main contributors to the multinational force apart from the U.S., have already significantly reduced their contingents since last year's attacks on the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut.

The Jemayel government has so far withheld comment on efforts to replace the multinational force, but it is likely to view some misgiving any sign of erosion in

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## Coalition MKs back tax measures

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

The coalition members in the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday finally promised Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad to approve the Treasury's tax measures. But Avraham Melamed (National Religious Party) declared that he opposes the new taxes and would not accept coalition discipline in the matter.

Since the coalition has a majority of only one in the committee, Melamed could block a decision in the near future.

Treasury policies also came under fire yesterday from within the cabinet. Deputy Prime Minister David Levy asked that Monday's steep rises in the price of electricity and fuel be placed on the cabinet agenda.

The committee's coalition members yesterday met for the second time in two days with Cohen-Orad to decide on several tax measures the Treasury wants to impose and which have been stalled in committee for lack of a majority.

Cohen-Orad said that new taxes are expected to bring in some IS25 billion. More than half this sum is made possible by an amendment to the income tax law, which links debts owed to income tax authorities to the index. The balance is to come from increasing the travel tax from \$30 to \$100, the education levy, a new 66 per cent income tax bracket, and the tax on child allowances.

The coalition members approved the new taxes after Cohen-Orad proposed a compromise to Tami leader Aharon Abuhazzeira. According to this compromise, the deliberations on the education levy will be postponed and the \$100 travel tax be in effect during the coming nine months, during which this Treasury is to examine whether it can be converted into a progressive tax.

Initially, Abuhazzeira opposed the travel tax proposed by the Treasury, and demanded instead a \$50 tax plus a 15 per cent levy on foreign currency purchased by travellers. Only after lengthy debate

did Cohen-Orad convince him to support the proposal.

In making his proposal to the cabinet yesterday, Levy said the vicious circle of the Energy Ministry's hikes of gas, electricity and kerosene prices every time that fuel prices are raised must be broken.

Sources close to Levy explained that raising energy prices as much as was done on Monday was contrary to the Treasury's stated policy of bringing down the inflation rate.

In response, the Energy Ministry declared that its price-rise policy is well-known to Levy, and that Monday's increase was determined by last month's rate of inflation.

## Stock prices soar

TEL AVIV. — The stock market soared yesterday, with 189 issues rising by margins of up to 34.5 per cent. Another 46 issues were marked "buyers only" and automatically advanced by 5 per cent.

Investors who had stayed on the sidelines since last year's bank share crash came back to the market for the first time, financial experts said, boosting turnover to IS1.7 billion. Bank shares made up more than 90 per cent of this total. (See story page 7)

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## THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	63	3-14	15
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Nahariya	68	9-18	18
Safad	82	9-18	12
Haifa Port	65	13-18	18
Tiberias	75	9-18	19
Nazareth	66	7-14	16
Afula	68	7-17	18
Shomron	65	8-14	16
Tel Aviv	61	13-17	18
B-G Airport	61	9-17	18
Jericho	44	9-22	22
Gaza	66	10-18	18
BeerSheva	50	5-18	19
Eilat	27	7-23	23

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday met with a delegation of Friends of the Hebrew University, headed by its chairman, Shalom Doron. A group of MKs, graduates of the Hebrew University, also attended the gathering at the Knesset.

Honorary Balzac, director of international services of Rotary in Puerto Rico, will present an audio-visual presentation on Puerto Rico at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club today at 1 p.m. in the YMCA.

## Water rates up

The Knesset Water Committee yesterday approved an 8.4 per cent increase in water rates, following the 14 per cent hike in electricity rates announced recently.

## TALKS GO ON

Orgad, who remained adamant that he would not give in to the local authority workers' demands. It was learned that Cohen-Orgad did offer a compromise on the salaries of the lowest wage grade. The local authority workers are demanding raises for the three lowest wage grades.

In southern municipalities streets are cleaner, because much garbage collection is contracted to private operators.

Nursery schools are to close today and other schools are to close tomorrow if the strike continues, due to the four days' absence of caretakers, janitors, assistant nursery school teachers, secretaries and other local authority workers.

In response to the Histadrut Teachers' Union's threat to close kindergartens today and schools tomorrow, a spokesman for the Ministry of Education said the teachers are shirking their educational responsibility. "They are setting a poor example for the rest of the public," he said.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday promised to cooperate with the finance minister and abide by his decision concerning the strike, out of a feeling of "national responsibility."

Senior officials in the Herzliya municipality — whose workers resumed work Monday following a separate wage agreement signed between them and Mayor Eli Landau — yesterday agreed to forgo the 155,000 wage raise he recently gave them and give it instead to the lower grade workers.

## BULLETIN

Maccabi Ramat Gan last night lost their quarter final Korac Cup game in France, going down to Olympic Antibes by one point.

The final score was Antibes 80, Maccabi 79.

## The American Association for Ethiopian Jews wishes

**Bernie Alpert**

lots of success on his being elected Chairman of the Jerusalem Branch of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

Nate Shapiro  
A.A.E.J. President

## HOME NEWS

### MK: state mortgages devour buyers' earnings

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

State housing assistance for young couples is inadequate, says MK Ya'acov Gil (Alignment), who yesterday called for a solution whereby a couple's monthly mortgage payment would not exceed 25 per cent of the family's income.

According to a group of young couples who recently met with him, Gil said, many spend about 80 per cent of their monthly earnings to repay mortgage loans. In some cases, they are required to pay the mortgage a full year before occupying their home. Thus, in addition to a mortgage payment for an unoccupied flat, the couple must also incur large debts in order to pay for their current housing, usually rented quarters.

Gil said: "Israel must not allow such an absurd situation to continue. Young people who have served their country loyally do not get enough state aid, while settlers

on the West Bank are granted \$70,000 per person and at the same time earn rents from their homes inside the Green Line, which they lease to others.

"The government must ensure that no family receiving state housing assistance is required to pay more than a quarter of its earnings for its mortgage."

In related news, an official of the Federation of Builders and Contractors told a recent meeting of the Knesset Economic Committee that "Purchasing a flat is becoming 'Mission Impossible' for the average Israeli, because of higher prices brought on by increased cost of land and building supplies."

Federation vice-president, Avi Aronson told the committee that steel reinforcing bars, which account for about 10 per cent of construction costs, can be bought in Europe for \$250 per ton including tax, while in Israel the price is \$700 per ton, at Koor Industries' reinforcing bar plant.

### Sarid: Burg should resign over anti-Arab terror acts

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

Alignment MK Yossi Sarid yesterday called for the resignation of Interior Minister Yosef Burg, "not because of his unwillingness, but because of his inability" to discover the perpetrators of a series of attacks on Arabs and on Moslem holy places.

Sarid was speaking in a debate on "the uncovering of underground organizations and the activities of TNT on the West Bank." The debate originated in a motion for the agenda he presented some weeks ago.

He charged the government with having first denied the existence of any organized underground group and of later admitting its existence while belittling its significance.

If, after three-and-a-half years, those guilty of trying to kill the three West Bank mayors had not been apprehended, this could only be attributed to "anarchy with

respect to law and justice, and the weakness of the authorities," Sarid said.

Although 12 members spoke yesterday before the session was adjourned, with a few others still registered to speak, average attendance in the chamber was less than 15.

Hanan Porat (Tehiya) declared that the terrorist acts of TNT are criminal acts, for which the perpetrators must pay the full penalty. All perpetrators of acts of hooliganism and terror must be tracked down, he said, noting that there are also terrorist acts against Jews that remain unsolved.

He noted that the day after the Emil Grunzweig murder, the newspaper *Davar* used the headline "Gush Emunim — Gush Rimoni" (Rimoni is Hebrew for grenades; Gush Emunim is the nationalist religious movement to which Porat belongs). Such character assassination was no less serious than the acts of terrorism themselves, Porat said.

### 'Temple raid not tied to attack on mayors'

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There are no indications that last week's foiled attack against targets on the Temple Mount was connected to the attack on West Bank mayors more than three years ago, Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, southern district police commander, said yesterday.

He told members of the Knesset Interior Committee on a tour of the Temple Mount that henceforth more lighting and other technical improvements would be made available to Wafk (Moslem religious trust) watchmen, who are responsible for the Mount's security.

Caspi told the group that, while he could not present proof at this time, it is his "personal assessment" after studying the circumstances surrounding the attempted attack, that the perpetrators were "well trained and probably Jewish."

The Wafk watchmen who were on duty at the time had been questioned by police investigators about the suspects they said they had seen flee from the site. "We have no doubts at this time about

the veracity of their testimony," Caspi said.

One member of the committee, Gela Cohen (Tehiya) said after the tour that the time has come to establish a state authority to supervise the Temple Mount, for political as well as security reasons.

Cohen assailed Caspi for suggesting that it was probably Jews who were behind the foiled attack. "With all the unanswered questions surrounding this case, police must not rule out the possibility of Arab provocation," she said. "The Wafk watchmen should be subjected to lie detector tests."

"To all intents and purposes, the Temple Mount is today a total Moslem site, with hardly a reminder of its sanctity to the Jewish heritage. Its status as a Jewish historic and religious centre must no longer be covered up."

"Only a state authority could ensure the security of this controversial site, permit free access to members of all religious faiths and prevent illegal construction and archeological activity there," Cohen asserted.

### MKs are urged to quit smoking since youth 'look up to them'

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Many young Israelis are so inspired by Knesset members that they are apt to emulate their personal habits and take up smoking, according to the Society for the Prevention of Smoking.

In a memo to all 120 MKs titled with the No Smoking in Public Places Law that takes effect this morning, Society Chairman Dr. Tuvia Lehrer, writes:

"Dear Knesset Member, If you are a smoker, please kick the habit right now, both for the benefit of your own health and for that of the constituency you represent. As a Knesset member, you serve as a personal example and model of virtue for thousands of your countrymen.

"If you smoke in public — es-

pecially before the TV cameras and at political gatherings — you not only undermine our efforts at fighting public addiction to tobacco, but probably lead many young people to take up smoking by imitating the acts of leaders such as you, whom they respect."

"So, if you have ever tried to stop smoking and have failed, our experts are ready to help you. You are welcome to request a private meeting with a member of our panel, and we are ready to arrange for a tobacco-withdrawal workshop right here in the Knesset. We will prove we can help you stop smoking quite easily."

"The Knesset secretariat has informed us that a room and all other amenities would be put at our disposal for such a workshop if 10 or more MKs ask for it."

### Beate Klarsfeld held in anti-Nazi protest

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — Police yesterday arrested Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld and six other persons after breaking up their demonstration to demand the expulsion of former Nazi SS Col. Walter Raulff from Chile.

Klarsfeld, a West German citizen, led about 30 Chileans in the protest in Constitution Plaza across from the presidential palace. A dozen policemen moved into the crowd as the group started chanting, "Expel the Nazi Raulff."

Without resistance, she and six arrested men boarded a police bus and were driven to a downtown police station. Charged with disturbing public order, Klarsfeld was released more than an hour and a half later, following appeals by the Roman Catholic Human Rights Office and West German consular officials.

The demonstration backed an Israeli government petition last Wednesday for Raulff's expulsion, so he can stand trial on charges of gassing 97,000 East European Jews in mobile death trucks during World War II. Chile's military government has not replied to the request.

DADA. — The Israel Museum's events department is looking for neo-Dadaists — poets, artists and actors — interested in taking part in a cabaret to be staged at Purim in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Ein Hod.



Memorial candles are kindled last night in Jerusalem at the scene of last year's grenade attack, in which Peace Now marcher Emil Grunzweig was killed.

### HERZOG SAYS

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other such as 'traitor,' 'fascist,' and 'poisoner of wells,' shouldn't be surprised at the results."

Herzog said that last week's abortive attack against Moslem holy places on the Temple Mount would have been a disaster for Israel and the Jewish people everywhere. He said that "it is time for our religious leaders to make a strong, clear statement that acts that are supposedly carried out in the name of heaven are utterly opposed to the values of the Torah."

University president Don Patinkin said that to develop a democratic culture, a nation needs an example from its leaders, "which is sorely lacking in Israel," he said. The convocation was sponsored

by the HU student union, the Jerusalem municipality and the Government Information Centre.

Michael Eitan adds:

Earlier, Peace Now held a small memorial ceremony where Grunzweig was killed. A mass march is to be held on Saturday night in Jerusalem, following the route of the demonstration in which Grunzweig took part.

In the ceremony yesterday, Peace Now activist Avishai Margalit said Grunzweig is not a symbol, because "we reject symbols of blood and the land."

In Haifa, Grunzweig's brother said kaddish at his grave, where several Peace Now members gathered. Memorial vigils were also held in Tel Aviv and Beersheba.

### Mubarak starts African tour in Zaire

KINSHASA (Reuter). — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Zaire yesterday for a three-nation tour aimed at reasserting Egypt's role as an African nation and countering Libyan influence on the continent.

He is scheduled to hold several rounds of talks with Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko. The talks are expected to focus on African issues, including Chad.

Egypt and Zaire support the pro-Western government of Chad President Hissene Habre. Zaire sent 2,000 troops to Chad last August, but Egypt's support has been mostly diplomatic.

### Troops surround Birzeit U. after demo

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Troops surrounded the Birzeit University campus yesterday afternoon following a demonstration by students, who raised the Palestinian flag and blocked a nearby road with rocks and burning tires.

The Israel Defence Forces spokesman in Jerusalem received inquiries about trouble at the university even before it occurred and when a patrol was sent to the area, it found the road to the settlement of Tzurif blocked.

### BANK GIVES ZAMIR

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cussion of these topics" is expected, the ministry reported.

Zamir thus started the usual procedure in handling appeals for his intervention. In some cases he decides not to handle the matter. In others he requests more information and explanations, or orders his own investigation.

Aaron Sittner adds:  
At the Knesset, Avraham Katz-Oz, chairman of the State Control Committee, announced yesterday that his unit would convene today to discuss a request by MK Dan Tichon (Likud) that the committee seek an opinion from the state comptroller in the matter of Bank Hapoalim and its U.S. subsidiary, Amapal.

According to Tichon, if irregularities indeed occurred in the bank, then they could have an "immediate" effect on the financial guarantees given by the state to holders of bank shares as part of the solution to the recent crisis in those securities.

Tichon also demanded that the committee call Histadrut Secretary-

General Yehoram Meshel to testify.

However, Meshel has already declared his refusal to do so and has directed Daniel Rosolio, secretary of the Histadrut's Hovrat Ma'ovdim holding company, to represent the labour federation before the committee.

In related news, Katz-Oz told his committee that "a senior and very reliable" source in the Ministry of Finance had disclosed to him that this year's operating losses at "some" Israeli banks exceed \$100 million.

To solve their problem, the unidentified Finance Ministry source said, the Treasury intends to direct the Bank of Israel to allow the failing banks to write off their losses over three years. In addition, the customary penalties imposed on banks for shortage of liquidity in their reserves would either be reduced or cancelled altogether.

Katz-Oz yesterday asked Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to "confirm or deny these reports before I decide whether to call on the state comptroller to investigate this matter."

### Treasury may break law by budget delay

Post Economic Reporter  
The Treasury may be breaking the law if it does not present the Knesset with its proposed budget for the coming year by today.

According to the Basic Law: The Budget, the Treasury is required to table the budget by February 1. But this year differences between the Treasury and several ministries have delayed such a move.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad had requested Justice Minister Moshe Nissim to submit a

special amendment to the law, which would enable him to delay the budget presentation legally. But Nissim had not done this by last night.

MK Gad Ya'acobi (Alignment), chairman of the Knesset Economics Committee, said yesterday that the Treasury's attitude shows contempt for the Knesset and gross breach of the law. "In any democratic country," he said, "a government would have resigned immediately, or the parliament would have forced it to quit."

### 20 per cent annual rise in world terrorism

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
RAMAT GAN. — The number of terrorist attacks around the world has been increasing by some 20 per cent annually since the early 1970s, Porf. Yona Alexander, of the Institute for Study of International Terrorism at the State University of New York, said here yesterday.

He was addressing the opening session of a three-day conference, on terrorism and national liberation movements, which opened at Bar-Ilan University yesterday and is to continue today at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had been due to speak at the opening, but called off his participation yesterday morning.

EXERCISE. — A civil defence exercise will take place today and tomorrow in Bnei Brak and the Ramat Hasharon area. Civil defence, Magen David Adom and firefighting units will take part. If there is a real alert, rising and falling sirens will be sounded.

## U.S. lawmakers plan motion for Marine exit from Beirut

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A bipartisan group of senators and representatives is close to formulating a congressional resolution calling for a speedy withdrawal of the U.S. Marines from Lebanon.

The resolution, however, does not include a specific date by which the U.S. troops would be required to leave. It also would not be mandatory, meaning President Ronald Reagan could ignore it.

But leaders in both houses are anxious to send what they call "a strong signal" to Reagan of their mounting opposition to the continued presence of the marines in Lebanon.

Many partisan Democrats, moreover, are clearly anxious to try to embarrass the Republican president on the Lebanese issue — one that has become increasingly unpopular among the American public with the deaths by now of 259 marines.

Some members, including

Democratic Representative Simon Straton of New York, are pushing for the inclusion of a mandatory April 1 cutoff for the marine involvement in Lebanon.

But most congressional and senators opposed to the marine presence are reluctant to go that far.

For one thing, such legislation probably would not pass in the Republican-controlled Senate, although it would in the Democratic House. And even if it were to pass in both chambers, Reagan could veto it.

The House leadership, led by Speaker Thomas O'Neill, was working yesterday to come up with new language. Administration officials were urging restraint, clearly fearful of sending the wrong signal to the Syrians and their Lebanese allies seeking to overthrow the government of President Amin Gemayel.

Reagan, in recent statements, including one yesterday, has warned of dangerous military and political ramifications for the U.S. in the wake of a precipitous pullout.

## Israel would like guarantee on proposed Jordanian force

Post Defence Correspondent

Israel remains firmly opposed to the American administration's intention to set up a rapid deployment force in Jordan. But this opposition would be dropped if the Americans and Jordanians would state clearly that under no circumstances would this force ever be used against Israel, and that adequate safeguards to guarantee this would be forthcoming.

The Reagan administration is due to submit a request for \$220m. to Congress later this week to fund the force.

The American decision to establish the force was taken shortly after Islamic fundamentalists attempted to take over the Kaaba

sacred compound in Mecca three years ago. If established, the force will be trained to intervene on behalf of "Western interests" in the Arab world, specifically in places such as Mecca which are barred to non-Moslems.

The force's projected 2,500 kilometre operational radius places it within comfortable range of the Gulf states and Sudan.

Initially, the administration had to establish the force with seed funding, in an attempt to attract Congress. But after details of the project were leaked to the press last year, the administration, encountering loud opposition from pro-Israel bodies in Washington, decided to seek formal Congressional approval.

## Jesse Jackson received cash gifts from Arab League

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WASHINGTON. — American Jewish leaders have criticized the Rev. Jesse Jackson because his major fundraising organizations accepted \$200,000 in contributions from the Arab League in 1981 and 1982.

On Sunday, *The New York Times* disclosed the first \$100,000 contribution to the PUSH Foundation yesterday, the newspaper reported of a second \$100,000 provided by the Arab League to a separate Jackson group, PUSH for Excellence Inc. PUSH stands for People United to Save Humanity.

In reaction, Jackson, a Democratic presidential candidate, has insisted that he was unaware of the contributions. It is not illegal for private organizations to accept money from foreign groups. But Jackson has accused the news

media of a "double standard" in criticizing him because of the Arab League money.

Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, yesterday said it was "surprising" that Jackson "did not know the source of the largest single contribution — the largest by far — made to the organization he headed, and also to his fundraising arm."

*The New York Times* said the PUSH Foundation also received an anonymous \$350,000 donation during this same period.

In recent years, Jackson has become increasingly more outspoken in his pro-Arab statements and his criticism of Israel. He helped to arrange the release of U.S. flier Robert Goodman from Syria last month.

## UK offers 'advanced' arms to Saudis

RIYADH (AP). — Britain has offered to sell Saudi Arabia unspecified "advanced" arms and the oil-rich kingdom would study this, the Saudi defence and aviation minister announced yesterday.

Prince Sultan bin Abdel-Aziz made the statements after seeing off British Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine following his two-day visit to the Saudi capital, Hestline left for a tour of the King Abdul-Aziz Naval Base in the eastern province after which he was to proceed to Kuwait.

Sultan said his talks with the British minister were "successful and excellent."

The official Saudi Press Agency also quoted Sultan as saying that during his talks with Heseltine, "Britain offered all (types of) arms

it possesses" for sale to Saudi Arabia.

He refused to answer a reporter's question about the types and specifications of the advanced arms that Saudi Arabia would acquire from Britain. But Sultan earlier mentioned the possibility of Saudi Arabia obtaining the British-made Lightning warplanes.

Sultan praised the level of military cooperation with Britain, stressing the training of Saudi personnel at the King Faisal Air Academy and the Technical Institute for Aircraft Maintenance.

He said the talks with Heseltine "covered a comprehensive range of issues in light of the military cooperation between the two countries."

## UN FORCE

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Washington's commitment to its continued survival.

Meanwhile, envoys from two possible contributors to a UN force, should one ever be deployed, arrived in Damascus yesterday — Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden and Finnish Foreign Ministry Secretary-General, Claus Tornwood.

It is not known if the subject was to be raised with either of the two envoys, but both Australia and

Finland are viewed as neutral nations both by Syria and by the Syrian-backed Lebanese opposition.

Damascus and the Druse-led Lebanese opposition have so far vetoed all efforts to implement Saudi Arabia's separation of forces plan in and around Beirut, but could be more favourable to the idea of replacing the U.S.-dominated multinational force with what they view as a more neutral force.

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## Public phone company officially under way

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bezek, the telecommunications company which was set up to break the logjam in service to the public, finally became operational last night, in a ceremony at the Treasury presided over by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or and Communications Minister Mordechai Zupor.

The company, which is to be staffed by some 7,000 employees who formerly worked for the Communications Ministry, will be run by director-general Zvi Amid, a former army officer. Although Bezek was signed into existence last September in a ceremony in Jaffa, the telecommunications employees of the ministry had feared until the last minute that plans would be scrapped, because of opposition to some of their demands by the finance minister.

The removal of the employees from the civil service allows Bezek to offer salaries and productivity bonuses. It is hoped these will increase the pace of telephone installation and increase high-powered marketing of various communications services. Profits will be available

for investment in the company, rather than turned over immediately to the government.

Bezek will be in charge of the telephone and telegraph networks, the telegram and cable services, computer data over telephone lines and the transmission and reception of material by satellite. Postal services remain the responsibility of the Communications Ministry.

The idea for setting up an autonomous communications service was on the drawing board for many years. Specific recommendations to that effect were made by a committee as early as June 1973. They were reaffirmed by several other committees in following years.

Then, last year, the Bezek Law was passed by the Knesset, leading to the final negotiations stage involving the works' committees, the Communications Ministry and the Treasury.

Just last Sunday, a representative of the telecommunications workers threatened to stop all TV and radio broadcasts and other services if the operation of Bezek were not begun this week. Communications Ministry spokesman dismissed these fears, maintaining that all would go as planned. A few weeks ago,

engineers blacked out TV screens for half an hour over the Bezek issue.

Bezek has purchased several floors in the Mitzpe building at the eastern end of Jaffa Road in Jerusalem to serve as its headquarters.

The postal workers — among the lowest-paid civil servants, have been pressing for the establishment of a public postal company that would allow them to be paid more, as well as to reorganize the mail services. That would leave the Communications Ministry with only about 200 administrative employees under its aegis.

Over 200,000 requests for telephones are still pending throughout the country.

Ari Temkin adds:

Bezek will be a model for other services provided by the government. For it will show that workers will get higher wages for increased productivity. Cohen-Or said at the signing ceremony yesterday.

Cohen-Or added that nobody should have illusions that the new company will be dependent on the government. Its existence and financing will come from the services it provides, he said.



Yesterday's pleasant weather allows these schoolchildren to learn rowing at the Tel Aviv marina. (IPPA)

## Missing Bnei Brak youth not kidnapped, police say

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A police investigation into the alleged kidnapping of a Bnei Brak youth reached a turning point Monday, when new findings persuaded investigators that the missing boy had not been kidnapped at all.

Police therefore asked the court to cancel the order banning publication of the affair, which since last Thursday has engaged hundreds of policemen, intelligence sources, detectives, psychologists, technical experts and others in the Dan region. The court ban was cancelled yesterday afternoon.

Last Thursday night, Bnei Brak resident Shmuel Barzilai informed police that his 16-year-old son, Moshe, had been kidnapped. Barzilai, who heads a yeshiva, told police that his son had been kidnapped while in Jerusalem on Wednesday by two armed men, one Jew and

one Arab. Moshe reportedly told his father that his kidnappers had taken him to Haifa and were demanding \$250,000 ransom.

The boy, one of eight brothers and sisters, had gone to Jerusalem to a yeshiva where his brother is enrolled, to apply for admission.

In a briefing to reporters last Friday morning, Tel Aviv District police commander Nitzav Avraham Turgenman said he did not think this was a kidnapping case. He said the family was not wealthy and could hardly have the \$250,000 demanded by the "kidnappers."

But the police treated the case seriously and detectives visited several places throughout the country to which the boy might have been taken, questioning hundreds of yeshiva students, rabbis and bus and taxi drivers.

The boy continued to telephone home regularly, but no details of his whereabouts could be drawn from him.

On Monday a team of investigators managed to reconstruct the boy's movements before he disappeared and became convinced that the youth had not been kidnapped. Because he is a minor, police refused to divulge any other details.

The police are now treating the affair as a routine missing person case, they said yesterday.

## KNESSET BRIEFS

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Following a visit with her committee to Gan Yavne on Sunday, the chairman of the Interior Committee, Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino (Alignment), expressed horror at the physical state of the community's primary schools "which are not fit for study." Among the 500 youngsters enrolled in Gan Yavne's two primary schools, she said, 60 per cent are educationally deprived and 25 per cent come from broken homes.

In a motion for the agenda, Jacques Amir (Alignment) attacked Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pat for "his I-don't-give-a-damn attitude towards the workers locked out by Rogosin Industries in Ashdod, who are now starving for lack of bread." According to Amir, the company shut its doors after the workers refused to accept a wage freeze, reduction in several employee benefits and a surrender of their comprehensive pension rights.

All girls exempted from military duty on religious grounds would be forced into compulsory national service cadres under a private member's bill by Mapam's Elazar Granot, approved for submission by the Alignment faction leadership.

While Agudat Israel keeps pressing its coalition partners to live up to their promise to the Who is a Jew amendment to the Law of Return, Matzav's MK Haim Druckman has done something about it. He has submitted a private member's bill ("Amendment Number Three, 1984, the Law of Return"). It states that since conversion is strictly an halachic procedure and since the term is not sufficiently clear in the present wording of the law, the statute is amended to read: "A Jew is a person born to a Jewish mother or who has converted to Judaism according to Halacha."

TOLERANCE. — The Education Ministry is offering a five-day seminar in Jerusalem to train teachers how to increase mutual tolerance among their pupils.

## Local journalists condemn press curbs in Turkey

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Federation of Israeli Journalists yesterday joined other associations in the free world in protesting against limits placed on press freedom in Turkey.

The decision followed an announcement by the International Association of Journalists that freedom of the press in Turkey is being repressed.

Today has been designated a "day of action" on behalf of journalists in Turkey.

RAPE. — An aid station for rape victims has been set up in Ra'anana at the initiative of the local Na'amat chapter.

## Hammer has funds for additional pupils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Finance Ministry has agreed to give the Education Ministry the money it needs for the natural increase in pupil population. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer told eight elementary and high-school principals yesterday.

He said 25,000 new pupils are expected next year, requiring 850 new teachers at a cost of \$1700 million. If the Education Ministry had to pay for this out of its regular budget, cuts in other areas would have to be much deeper, he said.

A meeting yesterday afternoon between officials of the Education Ministry and the Treasury, however, failed to narrow the \$1.5 billion gap between the cut in the education budget demanded by the Finance Ministry and the amount the Education Ministry thinks it can afford to cut without hurting education seriously.

In their meeting with Hammer the principals suggested a

## If workers do not end month-long strike: Rogosin threatens to move Ashdod plant

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The management of the Rogosin textile plant in Ashdod is threatening to move the plant out of this town, because its workers have been on strike since December 20.

But Ashdod Labour Council secretary Yehuda Ben-Arosh told *The Jerusalem Post*: "The workers will not let this happen."

Rogosin's managing director, Ariel Stern, told a press conference yesterday that the dispute arose after management decided to fire about 100 of the 260 workers.

He said the firings were necessary

since several production lines were closed down due to a drop in demand on the world market.

Most of the 100 fired were temporary workers. The main dispute concerns the dismissal of several dozen permanent staff.

Management claims the strikers, who are backed by the local labour council, are keeping work from returning to normal. Management also asserts the strike is illegal.

Rogosin manufactures industrial fabrics, about 80 per cent of which are exported.

Despite the strike, Rogosin has been supplying the local market with fabric produce from stock and

some which is imported. Rogosin is also supplying its foreign customers with textiles received from other sources.

Yehuda Ben-Arosh, secretary of the Ashdod Labour Council, told *The Post* the strike is legal, since the council approved it. Consequently, the workers receive help from the Histadrut's strike fund.

He also told *The Post* he has asked Histadrut-owned industries to boycott Rogosin. "Nearly all of Rogosin's customers are affiliated with the Histadrut. They can import goods that Rogosin has begun importing. They do not need Rogosin as a middleman," he said.

## THE JERUSALEM POST POLL

## Most Israelis would cede areas for peace with Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A majority of the public would give up areas in Judea and Samaria in exchange for peace with Jordan, according to a poll conducted in December for *The Jerusalem Post* by the Modi'in Ezrahi research institute.

The poll, which sampled 1,292 adult Jews who do not live in the areas, found that 44 per cent would give up some part and 33.8 per cent would not give up any. Those who would cede all of Judea and Samaria — but not Jerusalem — totalled 17.9 per cent.

The poll also noted a mellowing of opinion on the question over the preceding three months. A similar poll in October found that 41.1 per

cent would part with some of the areas, while 42.5 per cent would not.

A similar trend was noted over whether to dismantle settlements in Judea and Samaria in exchange for peace with Jordan. Those who favour dismantling all settlements totalled 10.1 per cent, up from 6.4 per cent in October's poll. In December, 27 per cent favoured dismantling some settlements, compared to 22.1 per cent in October.

Regarding a freeze on establishing new settlements, 28.6 per cent favoured this in December, down from 32.1 per cent in October. Those opposed to such a freeze totalled 26.1 per cent last month, compared to 30.8 per cent in October.

## Tourism official recalled to help in row

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir yesterday recalled the head of the Israel Tourist Office in Cairo over a row with hoteliers here.

Sharir sent a cable to Morris Casouto, who is both head of the Cairo office and president of the Israel Hotel Association, calling him home to discuss this year's Outstanding Tourism Promoter awards.

The hoteliers have objected to new criteria for the awards, other than monetary turnover.

According to the new criteria, the hotels would be judged on appearance, service and promotion, as well as income. So far, the hotels have said they will not compete. Ac-

cording to the ministry, others in the tourist industry, including travel agents, car rental agencies, shops and bus companies, have all gone along with the new standards.

In another development, Sharir, together with Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, have signed an order allowing Tourism Ministry control units to issue a summons with an optional fine to anyone contravening the Tourism Law. Contraventions include guiding without a licence, misrepresenting the grade of a hotel and transporting tourists in unapproved vehicles.

Those issued with such a summons would have 30 days in which to pay a fine or to agree to appear in court.

## TA singer held after running amok

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "You killed my cat!" screamed Shmuel ("Shmulik") Kraus, a well known singer-composer at taxi drivers here Monday night, before going berserk and attacking them. He was arrested on suspicion of assaulting two drivers and damaging a taxi.

The singer, a well known singer in Tel Aviv's bohemian circles, was arrested five times during the past two weeks and is now standing trial on charges of locking up three women in his apartment, attacking a broadcaster and a singer in a nightclub, damaging a neighbour's car and assaulting a policeman.

Drivers from a taxi station on Rehov Ben-Yehuda told police they saw Kraus crossing the street

towards a nightclub, with his cat marching in front of him. It is not clear whether a vehicle hit the cat, but the suspect picked it up and continued walking with the cat in his arms.

Suddenly he turned back, entered the taxi station and accused drivers there of running over his cat. Then he went berserk, kicking one driver in the groin, punching another in the face, and threatening to kill a third and burn down the station. One driver managed to escape and call the police.

By the time police came to arrest him, Kraus had reportedly also damaged a taxi whose driver ran away when he saw the furious singer approaching.

The suspect is to be brought to magistrate's court today for a remand hearing.

## High Court rejects Turk's plea to stay in Israel

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected the application of a young Turkish citizen against an order to expel him from the country. Bulent Shta'ana asked the High Court to order the Interior Ministry to cancel his expulsion order.

He said he wishes to remain here to convert and to marry an Israeli woman. He became friendly with one Israeli woman in 1980 and followed her here, but the couple

split up. Shta'ana said he had come to admire the Jewish people and wants to be part of it.

The court, while accepting the plaintiff's good intentions, noted that his tourist visa had expired in 1981.

The decision of the Interior Ministry to expel him was perfectly legal, it ruled, and his intentions are not enough to invalidate the decision. (Itim)

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## Drop predicted in aliya from Britain

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Even though figures just released here show that 1983 proved to be one of the best years ever for emigration to Israel from Britain, the prospects for the coming year are gloomy.

A total of 1,430 Britons made aliya last year — 230 more than in 1982 and the best since the post-Six Day War boom.

But Tommy Lamm, head of the World Zionist Organization's aliya department in London for the past six months, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the economic situation in Israel is already having "a serious effect" on aliya. "I foresee in the coming months a considerable drop," he

said.

The warning signs began appearing in December, when 114 made aliya compared with 131 in the same month of 1982. Aliya officials report that their appointment books for interviews with prospective immigrants are now blanker than they have been for a long time, and add that some persons due to emigrate in the spring are postponing their move.

But Lamm is not totally pessimistic. "The picture is not completely black. We had 400 people at a meeting we organized in Ulford the other day with the Israeli ambassador as guest speaker, and 600 came for an aliya meeting addressed by Abba Eban," he said.

## Netanya hospital charges ministry 'intimidation'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — Directors of Laniado Hospital yesterday instructed their lawyers to prepare a suit against Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan, who, they claim, has frightened and intimidated hospital executives.

According to a hospital spokesman, Modan telephoned hospital medical director Dr. Yacov Tendler on Monday morning and told him the police would be on their way if he did not order the immediate reopening of the emergency ward.

The ward has been closed since

Friday as a result of budgetary problems.

The emergency room remained closed, but neither Tendler nor any other hospital employee was arrested or contacted by the police. Hospital administrative director Gershon Lieder said yesterday that such intimidation is an intolerable tactic and that the hospital would take the issue to court.

Yitzhak Shomron, a senior assistant to the health minister, said the ministry would be required by law to bring the matter to the attention of the police, since the Public Health Act forbids a hospital closing its emergency ward.

## New WIZO fund helps pay for day-care

TEL AVIV. — A new WIZO fund helps families which cannot afford the full cost of keeping their children in day-care centres. A committee will examine each application for help and decide how much of a discount should be given.

WIZO automatically gives a 5 per cent discount to families with more than one child in day-care, and a 10 per cent discount to one-parent families and families with only one wage-earner.

The maximum day-care centre

fees are \$12,950 monthly for children and \$16,750 for babies. This maximum is paid by mothers with a gross income over \$132,000.

Adina Matalon, head of WIZO's child care department, said the government's contribution to the cost of day-care has gone down, while mothers are paying a larger percentage of their salaries this year (between 17 and 34 per cent, depending on income bracket) compared to between 11 and 24 per cent last year.

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## 'Hundreds of Afghanis killed in Soviet raids'

NEW DELHI (AP). — Several hundred civilians were killed in Soviet bombings of Afghan rebel strongholds, while the government's second-in-command departed under mysterious circumstances for Moscow, a western diplomatic report said yesterday.

Soviet troops bombed, shelled and fired rockets in the strategic Shu Ali region north of Kabul from January 19 to 27, according to a diplomat who could not be identified by name or nationality under press briefing rules.

The hardest-hit village was Ghaza, about 32 kilometres north of the Afghan capital, and civilian casualties were reported in the hundreds.

The village, bombed from January 19 to 21 and on January 23 and January 27, also was the scene of heavy fighting between Soviet troops and Moslem rebels near a bridge south of the town.

Several Soviet armoured personnel carriers were disabled, a troop truck was destroyed by a mine blast and four Soviet soldiers were captured by the rebels, the report said. In the nearby village of Karez-e-Mir, once the site of former King Zahir Shah's farm, more than half the houses were destroyed by Soviet shelling, bombs and helicopter gunship attacks, the report said.

Heavy civilian casualties were reported, but the exact death toll was not known.

In what appeared to be a major but unexplained political development, Nur Ahmad Nur, second to President Babrak Karmal, departed suddenly for the Soviet Union with his family on January 18 aboard an Aeroflot flight, the report said.

One diplomatic analyst termed the departure "bizarre" and said it fueled speculation Nur had been dismissed or demoted for alleged corruption in the sale of military exemption cards or for plotting a coup to depose Karmal.

A few foreign diplomats speculated that Nur might be groomed by the Soviets and kept in the wings as a possible successor to Karmal. They suggested the Kremlin may hope he could provide more credibility to the Soviet-backed regime and appeal to more Afghan elements to participate in a settlement. Karmal himself was groomed by the Soviets before he was installed in Kabul.

Other diplomatic reports said that Nur did not want to leave for Moscow and had tried to board a flight for India but was apprehended earlier this month by KHADE, the Afghan secret police. These reports could not be confirmed.

## South Africans to begin Angolan disengagement

CAPE TOWN (AP). — South Africa will disengage its forces in Angola immediately following assurances made by the U.S. Prime Minister P.W. Botha told parliament yesterday.

Botha called the step a "disengagement" rather than a cease-fire in the 17-year war against guerrillas fighting to end South African rule over South West Africa, also called Namibia.

He referred only to a disengagement and not a withdrawal from Angola, where the guerrillas are based, and also did not mention a halt in hostilities within Namibia itself. Botha suggested a cease-fire would be a further step in the process after further negotiations.

In Tanzania, Sam Nujoma, leader of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), was quoted as dismissing "the American initiatives as a diplomatic ploy intended to hoodwink the people of Namibia."

But it was unclear whether Nujoma's guerrillas would reject the South African move outright by trying to take advantage of the disengagement and infiltrate Namibia.



P.W. Botha

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker was in Tanzania for talks with the government on the initiative. He spent two days in Cape Town last week, and relayed a message from the Marxist Angolan government after U.S.-Angolan talks in the Cape Verde Islands.

Botha did not disclose what kind of assurances Crocker provided during the Cape Town talks. South Africa had offered last month to begin a 30-day disengagement in Angola provided the Angolans and SWAPO agreed not to exploit the step.

## Kohl and Strauss to meet to discuss troubled cabinet

BONN (Reuters). — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl wants to keep Defence Minister Manfred Woerner in office despite his handling of the disputed dismissal of NATO Gen. Guenter Kiessling, political sources said yesterday.

But the sources within Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Party said Woerner's survival would depend on his agreement to a complete rehabilitation of General Kiessling.

The 58-year-old bachelor general, who was one of NATO's two deputy supreme commanders, has strenuously denied allegations that he frequented homosexual bars and therefore had to be abruptly dismissed as a security risk last month.

Three out of four eyewitnesses produced by the West German military counter-intelligence service who claimed to have seen the general in Cologne's homosexual Tom Tom bar have since said they might have been mistaken.

The sources said the final outcome of the affair would also depend on a crucial meeting later yesterday between Kohl and right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss.

Strauss, head of Kohl's Christian Social Union allies in the coalition

government, has been suggesting a major cabinet reshuffle in the event of Woerner's resignation.

Political commentators said that if the 49-year-old defence chief stepped down, Kohl would be under increased pressure to rebuild his government. Several other ministers are plagued with problems.

Strauss has implied that the first to have to go would be Economics Minister Count Otto Lambsdorff, who faced bribery charges over contributions to his Free Democratic Party from the Flick industrial concern in return for tax favours.

Strauss, who is Bavarian prime minister, has also said that Health Minister Heiner Geissler cannot do his job properly so long as he remains CDU secretary-general.

Post and Communications Minister Christian Schwarz-Schilling is also under fire over ambitious plans to blanket the country with cable networks.

Strauss, 68, who failed to secure a major cabinet post after Kohl won a general election last March, has also made clear he thinks the present coalition does not lean far enough to the right.

## London man sneezes according to the clock

LONDON (Reuters). — Adam Cronin, 22, has been sneezing an average 18,000 times a day for two months — but only from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

His sneezing, once every two or three seconds from the early hours until tea-time, has baffled dozens of doctors and four hospitals.

Specialists have X-rayed his tortured nose many times hoping to discover what started the sneezing

fit in November. They are even more anxious to sniff out why it mysteriously disappears on the stroke of five every afternoon.

Cronin sniffed Monday: "Someone must know of a cure. It's making my life unbearable. It stops in the evening, but by then I'm exhausted."

He says he can make the sneezing stop during the day only by standing in a dark cupboard or riding on London's Underground.

## Half a million march against Philippine President Marcos

MANILA (AP). — A protest jog that had been stopped by a police blockade for three days grew yesterday into a massive street march attracting hundreds of thousands of Filipinos chanting against President Ferdinand Marcos.

In the biggest anti-Marcos display since the funeral of assassinated opposition leader Benigno Aquino last August, Manila residents threw confetti, carried signs, hoisted horns and exploded firecrackers in a 12-hour march across the city.

Some carried signs reading: "Dismantle the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship."

As night fell, protest leaders said they would break up the main march short of their destination — the airport where Aquino died — to fulfill an agreement with police that they would not continue the parade after dark.

A radio station estimated the marchers and crowd along the route at more than half a million. More than a million people had gathered for the funeral which was followed by two separate days of rioting that killed 11 people.

At the presidential palace, Marcos announced to members of his ruling party that he had suspended until June 1 his personal power to issue arrest orders for rebellion or insurrection.

It was one of the powers opponents had demanded he give up before they would participate in National Assembly elections



Ferdinand Marcos

scheduled for May 9. Some of the marchers carried signs advocating an election boycott.

Meanwhile, the Marcos-appointed board probing Aquino's assassination continued its investigation in a building a block away from the marchers' route.

Board chairwoman Cogazon Agrava announced that the panel is negotiating with a U.S. company for help in giving some witnesses lie detector tests.

The witnesses "say some things which seem to be improbable, yet you don't know whether they are withholding the truth or not," she told reporters during a recess.

Marcos has denied his government was involved in the assassination of his chief rival, who was returning from three years' voluntary exile in the U.S. when he was shot last August 21.

## U.S. hints at shift in bid to get Soviets to arms talks

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — In a subtle shift of position, the U.S. is hinting that it would be willing to merge the U.S.-Soviet talks on medium and long-range missiles if this is the only way to get Moscow back to the negotiating table.

Administration officials told Reuters that this was the significance of comments on Monday by Edward Rowny, the chief U.S. negotiator at the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), dealing with long-range missiles.

His remarks came on the same day as the administration issued a firm but notably low-key denial of fresh Soviet charges that Washington was violating arms control agreements.

Rowny also said the START talks had made more progress than was generally realized and a breakthrough was possible.

The U.S. negotiator as recently as last Friday publicly opposed merging START with separate talks on intermediate-range nuclear forces. But yesterday he signalled a shift in this position.

He told reporters after meeting President Ronald Reagan at the White House that if Soviet negotiators agree to resume START "and then begin to bring in other issues, we are going to listen to any reasonable proposal."

Other officials, commenting on his remarks, said the U.S. was not seeking to solicit such a proposal from Moscow.

"We don't think it's a good idea," one said. "But we recognize that if the Soviets propose merged negotiations, it's going to be difficult for us to peremptorily turn them down."

## ARGENTINA REPORT

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Aires, with 40 per cent of the country's population of some 30 million, is the focus of national life and political power.

Guelar attributes his political success to his loyalty through the bad years, his diligent work in his section of the province north of the capital, and his carefully cultivated contacts with the unions, still the main bastion of Peronist power.

Certainly, he says, he has encountered anti-Semitism in his career.

"There is a phenomenon of not very clear feelings about Jews. It is due in part to church education. In the armed services there is much anti-Semitism. They are a closed society. They think they are the nation... It is sick."

The military anti-Semitism hardly affects the conscripts. "They are just in and out." But it pervades the professional officer cadres.

In civilian life, he continues, "of course there are people with prejudices. Anti-Semitism is a prejudice, grounded in ignorance."

"But the Jews are prejudiced too. It's not true that Jews can't be racist. Nazi. They can be."

The organized Jewish community, in Diego Guelar's view, aids and abets anti-Semitism in Argentina.

"I don't agree with the community leaders," he says. "For me to be Jewish is my roots. I came from Israel. I am not going to Israel. I am coming from Israel. I think in terms of roots, not in terms of destiny. In parliament I am an

Argentine of Jewish origin — and very proud of it. I don't believe in Zionism."

"To be a Jew for me is to fight for liberation. I don't have a Jewish education, but I've read our history. No, I don't ignore our historical experience, but the Nazi camps were just one element in that experience."

"In a way, the Jewish community here accepts a second-class citizenship. They should be like the Spanish-Argentines and the Italian-Argentines — proud and open about the quality of their tradition. But that depends on their regarding Argentina as their home forever."

Marcelo Stubrin does not impugn Argentine Jews as the Peronist Guelar appears to do. "But he too faults the community leadership for failing to come to grips with the identity problem."

"Sometimes," he says, "the Jewish organizations say that everything's OK. And sometimes they say that Hitler's back — because some madman threw a bomb..."

"The trouble is the absence of a theory to explain the new relationship between the Diaspora and Israel. This lack is the crisis of Zionism today. We need a worldwide recreation of Zionism for the 1980s. After all, are 20 million Jews going to move to Israel? It's unrealistic. It's ridiculous."

"In the Diaspora — at least in Argentina — there is an assimilation phantom that pursues the Jews. It's the superego, pressing down on the Jews throughout his life. I don't say it's not objectively valid. But it produces a distorted, dissociative thinking. On the one hand, most Jews try hard most of the time to be assimilated. On the other hand, somewhere inside themselves, their homes, their schools, their families — there is a nagging fear of assimilation, of losing the Jewish identity."

"This makes for defensive behaviour. But I believe we must recreate a positive Jewish identity that is compatible with the Argentine identity, that would enable us to integrate, which is the opposite of assimilate."

"The difference between integration and assimilation is the heart of the Jewish question at the end of the 20th century."

"If I want to integrate, I must be somebody with my own distinctive identity. I can't contribute anything to the society if I'm a Marrano. Denying my identity makes for bad integration."

Involved and committed Jews in Buenos Aires have little patience for Guelar. They say he is privately moving towards Christian beliefs, which he himself does not deny, though he says he will never convert.

As for Stubrin, being a Jew in the public eye means he must grapple publicly with the fundamental problems of heritage and identity, which most of his co-religionists prefer, as he says, to leave in the twilight zone of their subconscious.

## Andropov backs UNESCO

MOSCOW (Reuters). — President Yuri Andropov pledged firm support yesterday for UNESCO, the UN agency which the U.S. plans to leave because of its alleged political bias.

In a letter to Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, director-general of UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Andropov said the Soviet Union supports UNESCO's activities, particularly its attempts to restructure the world's media.

Referring to the U.S. decision last month to leave UNESCO this year, Andropov said: "Those who try to set themselves against states that successfully cooperate to mutual advantage in UNESCO should realize that they bear full responsibility for that."

The U.S. and its allies have repeatedly clashed with Communist and Third World countries over UNESCO's attempt to adopt policies on information that conflict with Western principles of press freedom.

Andropov, ailing and not seen in public since mid-August, said the Soviet Union understood UNESCO's plans on international information, what he called an order that would help to eliminate "information imperialism" and the domination of Western monopolies.

He told M'Bow: "Millions of people are realizing more clearly that the source of tension is the imperial course of the U.S. administration, viewing the whole world as its sovereign possession."

## Moscow: Reagan's bid causes world anxiety

MOSCOW (AP). — The official Soviet news agency, TASS, said Monday that U.S. President Ronald Reagan's announcement that he will seek re-election evokes world anxiety, because it is obvious the president has no plans to change a policy of militarism and confrontation.

TASS said the president may talk about seeking peace and having a dialogue with the Soviet Union, but his words belie his actions. The TASS commentary was the first Soviet public reaction to the re-election announcement, and was in keeping with Soviet accusations that the administration seeks military superiority and is dangerously aggressive.

On Sunday night, before Reagan's announcement, TASS released the text of a lengthy

diplomatic note to the U.S. State Department, in which Moscow accused the U.S. of contradicting arms treaties and seeking to worsen U.S.-Soviet ties.

In Washington yesterday, opposition Democratic leader Thomas O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives, said Reagan is the most insensitive U.S. president he has ever known.

Predicting Reagan's bid for a second term would fail, O'Neill said the public is tired of seeking only "force, not diplomacy" in foreign affairs and "welfare for the wealthy," at home.

JOBLESS. — Japan's unemployment rate rose from 2.4 per cent in 1982 to 2.6 per cent last year.

## Venezuela's new president faced by economic chaos

CARACAS (Reuters). — Social Democrat Jaime Lusinchi takes office as Venezuela's president tomorrow with the daunting challenge of trying to cure its ailing economy.

Lusinchi, 59, won a landslide victory last December over the ruling Christian Democrats, largely because of the exasperation millions of Venezuelans felt after four years of recession and a drop in living standards.

The inauguration ceremony is to be attended by 15 heads of state and

government leaders, including seven Latin American presidents, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Spanish Premier Felipe Gonzalez.

Lusinchi's main objectives will be to revive domestic confidence and tackle the economic crisis.

He faces a 3 per cent decline in gross domestic product last year, an eight-month delay in rescheduling over half of Venezuela's \$34 billion foreign debt, unemployment above 15 per cent and the prospect of a

100 per cent increase in inflation this year.

Lusinchi is confident that Venezuela's crisis can be solved by greater efficiency in public spending, using untapped industrial capacity and incentives such as lowering interest rates, which hover around 17 per cent.

With per capita income double that of its Andean neighbours and foreign reserves in excess of \$11b., Venezuela's economy is still relatively sound and better-placed than most in Latin America to bounce back from its recent problems, foreign bankers say.

While concerned about Venezuela's heavy reliance on oil income, which slumped 33 per cent in the last two years, the bankers are impressed with Lusinchi's willingness to reschedule quickly and now insist less on prior agreement with the International Monetary Fund.

Venezuela's 13-bank advisory committee has just granted a 90-day

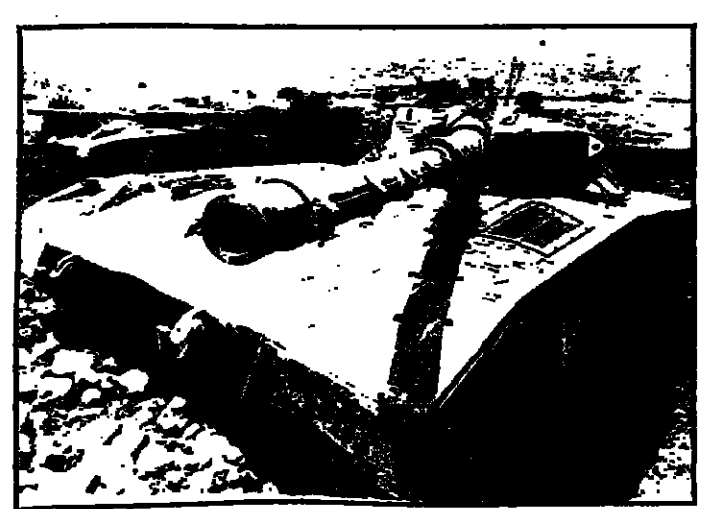
extension to the country's moratorium on debt repayments, plus the promise of 90 more if interest arrears are paid, which would give the new government breathing space until the end of July.

But the prospect of inflation around 30 per cent this year, as last year's partial devaluation begins to bite, threatens to stir labour unrest while business sectors are already clamouring for relief on price controls.

The president of the powerful labour federation, Juan Jose Delipino, says there are now 1.2 million jobless — 25 per cent of the work force — and has warned the incoming government against measures that would exacerbate this.

Lusinchi's economic advisers say price controls and subsidies will be maintained to protect low-income families, but this is opposed by the business federation, which seeks higher prices to restore lost profit margins.

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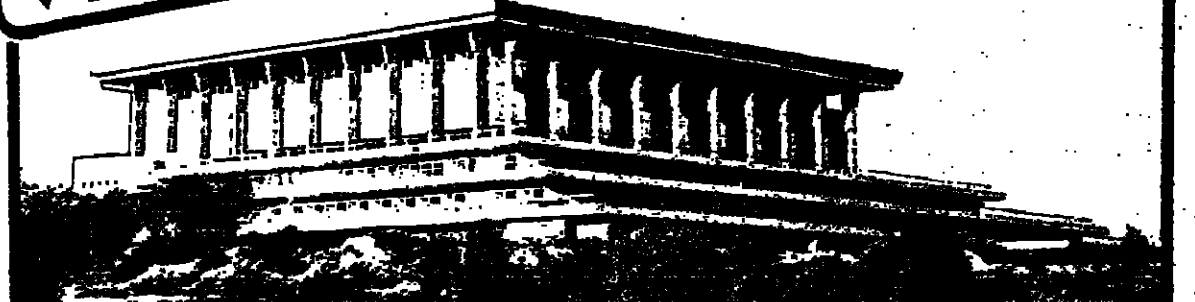
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## Sports

### Play-off battle

By DON GOULD  
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Now that Maccabi Tel Aviv have made certain of the top spot in the National Basketball League standings by their Monday night 97-82 victory over Hapoel Tel Aviv, the real excitement in the League is focused on the fight for the eighth play-off spot, for which several teams are contending, and on the battle between Kiryat Motzkin and Betar Tel Aviv to decide which team can avoid relegation.

On Monday night, a short-handed Betar Tel Aviv was smothered 106-83 by Hapoel Hahin in Holon. Maccabi, leading from every angle, scored 35 points of the winners, last night's Hapoel Tel Aviv, who were downed 97-82 by Kiryat Motzkin, led by Richard Johnson's 22 points and 21 rebounds, topped last season's season 79-66.

There are two more rounds to play. The final round will find Motzkin pitted against Betar Tel Aviv in Tel Aviv, in what will probably be the deciding game.

### STANDINGS (after 20 games)

	For	Ag.	Pts.
1. Maccabi	1982	1546	36
2. Hapoel RG	1657	1453	35
3. Hapoel TA	1725	1728	31
4. Ashdod	1602	1618	30
5. Maccabi	1586	1586	29
6. Hapoel	1586	1586	29
7. Hapoel	1586	1586	29
8. Hapoel	1586	1586	29
9. Maccabi	1586	1586	29
10. Betar TA	1586	1586	29
11. Motzkin	1586	1586	29
12. Maccabi	1586	1586	29

\* have only played 19 games

### Israeli ranking

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — A total of nine Israelis are among the 1,100 players listed in the Association of Tennis Professionals' final world singles rankings for 1983, which have just reached here.

Shlomo Glickstein, who finished the year in 43rd place, is followed by Amos Mansdorf in 259th position. Shahav Perles and David Schneider are coincidentally bracketed together at 294th. Lower down the standings are Gideon Bloom and Han Shiri (both 661st), Tommy Frischer and Eyal Sini (722nd) and Russell Myers (733rd).

In doubles, Glickstein is also in 43rd place, making him along with Nick Pietrangeli the only player to end last year with identical singles and doubles ranking. Also included in the list is Schneider (222nd), Shiri (375th), Mansdorf (541st) and Bloom (558th).

### Windies wipe S.A.

PORT ELIZABETH (AP). — The touring West Indies cricket team easily reached a target of 200 runs with six wickets to spare yesterday to win their final four-day match against South Africa and to take a 2-1 victory in the series.

The "Windies" were 103 without loss overnight and decided to their target but lost a wicket in the morning. Victory came in the end.

Xenot Buzza's 76, including one four and two sixes, and Emerson Trotman 77 in chasing eight fours and a six.

The South Africans had opened the match with 277, to which the Windies added 189 in their first innings. But then the Springboks were bundled out in their second innings for 127.

### Coventry crushed

Post Sports Staff

Another First Division side was sent from the Football Association Cup yesterday, when second Division Sheffield Wednesday crashed Coventry 3-2. Sheffield now play Oxford away on February 18, in the fifth round.

### No entry

CANBERRA (AP). — Australia has refused to grant visas to three leading South African rugby officials, including the President of the white-dominated South African Rugby Union Board, Danie Craven.

The three men applied for visas on December 23 to discuss possible fixtures with Australian teams, officials said. They were rejected under Australia's ban on sporting contacts with South Africa to protest that country's white minority rule, the officials said.

Craven was to be accompanied by Camille Maysman, President of the black S.A. Rugby Association, and a member of the Springbok selection panel and of the Executive Committee of the Coloured S.A. Rugby Football Association, the officials said.

### Flame not for sale

ATHENS (AP). — The Mayor of ancient Olympia, a village on the site of the original Olympic Games, threatened this week to ban the Olympic flame from travelling to Los Angeles for this summer's games.

He said that many of the 700 villagers objected to a plan for commercial sponsorship of runners carrying the Olympic torch across America on its way to California.

"The Olympic flame is not a dollar sign and we are determined to prevent its commercialization," Mayor Spyros Fothakis told the A.C. sociated Press.

He said that the decision of the Los Angeles Summer Olympics Organizing Committee to permit commercial sponsors to pay \$3,000 for each



REAGAN ADMINISTRATION officials are deeply frightened by the prospect of congressional action to bring about U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

New York's Democratic senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, has made it clear that he intends to take such a step. He can be expected to win considerable bipartisan support in the Senate and the House of Representatives, although legal scholars are divided on the constitutionality of the legislative branch of the U.S. government forcing the executive branch to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

What is so upsetting to the administration right now is even the prospect of such congressional legislation being debated. Hearings have already been scheduled for later in February. The publicity alone is bound, U.S. officials say, to arouse the passions of the Arab and Islamic world.

They believe that Democratic presidential front-runner Walter Mondale is being totally irresponsible in even promising to move the embassy to Jerusalem if elected next November. Mondale is already on record as voicing such a pledge. "You better believe he would pull a Joe Clark," said one White House official, referring to the former Canadian prime minister who also had promised during his campaign

to move his country's embassy to Jerusalem but later had to back away from that commitment in the face of strong Arab petrodollar pressures. Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries warned they would back out of several lucrative contracts with Canadian firms if the embassy were moved. In the end, the Canadian Embassy remained in Tel Aviv.

When Gerald Ford was a Republican member of the House, he supported recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, but after entering the White House, he changed his mind.

A highly publicized debate in Congress right now would seriously weaken chances of reviving the Arab-Israeli peace process, according to senior U.S. officials. They are trying to win the support of "moderate" Arabs, especially Jordan's King Hussein. Given the emotional impact of the issue in the Arab world, such a debate would supposedly prove a setback to any prospects for getting fresh peace talks off the ground.

"Raising the matter of Jerusalem now would cripple our efforts," said one administration Middle East specialist. "Under such circumstances, there would be no way for Hussein to get involved."

That official, in fact, went one step further. He warned of almost total doom and gloom resulting

Post Washington Correspondent WOLF BLITZER reports on budding congressional efforts to have Washington recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish State.

## CAPITAL DEBATE

from such a move. We would be returning to the pre-1967 war era," he said. "No Arabs would be willing to deal with Israel."

According to this official, even those moderate Arabs who have come to accept Israel as a permanent fact of life probably would revert to the pre-1967 attitude that there should be no Israel in the region. "The Arabs," he said, "would again become polarized in their notions of Israel."

Thus, the administration is moving decisively to take steps to avert any Jerusalem debate right now.

THIS IS NOT the first time a member of Congress has taken the initiative in having the U.S. recognize Jerusalem. Republican Congressman Philip Crane of Illinois introduced a similar proposal in 1980. He was clearly anxious to embarrass the Carter Administration and several pro-Israel Democrats on Capitol Hill who, in the end, actually voted against his



U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

amendment. Given this opposition, it did not try to revive it following the election of the Republican administration.

Prospects for Moynihan's efforts seem better than those of Crane, because the Israeli Embassy in Washington, the American Israel

Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and other pro-Israel organizations are now apparently prepared to lobby actively for the Jerusalem move — something they failed to do for Crane. Three years ago, pro-Israel lawmakers defended their opposition to the Crane amendment by citing the silence of the embassy and AIPAC. This is no longer the case.

Reagan, for his part, was very careful during the 1980 campaign. He spoke of keeping Jerusalem undivided with free access to the holy places. He also suggested that Israel should retain sovereignty over the entire city, although he never promised to actually move the embassy there. He was advised from the start by his closest campaign foreign policy aides that such a promise would be difficult to keep. In the process of discussing the Jerusalem issue at that time, he raised the possibility of establishing a Vatican-type arrangement there.

Since taking office, Reagan's

position on Jerusalem has reverted back to the longstanding U.S. policy of refusing to recognize Israeli sovereignty throughout the city — reunited during the 1967 war. The U.S. Embassy has remained in Tel Aviv.

The president and his top advisers are firmly convinced that the future of the Arab-Israeli peace process rests in large measure with those moderate Arabs willing to compromise in negotiations with Israel — along the lines of Egypt under the late Anwar Sadat. Reagan keeps speaking of creating "more Egypt."

The Arab world, U.S. officials believe, is currently at a crucial turning point. Thus, they said, the Arabs are divided between the moderates and the rejectionists (Libya, Iraq, Syria, the PLO, etc.). The U.S. is in the unique position, they added, of trying to expand the moderate camp.

This attitude helps to explain why the administration was so excited by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's warm reception of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat immediately on the heels of his ouster by the Syrians and PLO rebels from Tripoli. The U.S. objective right now is to convince Arafat to give Hussein the green light to join in the Reagan peace initiative of September 1, 1982.

The administration is also trying

to encourage Iraq to strengthen ties with the Egyptians.

BUT JORDAN is still seen by Washington as the key. The entire Reagan Plan was premised on the assumption that Hussein — rather than the PLO — would participate as the representative of the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians. The king deeply disappointed the administration last April when he said no. But in light of recent events, Hussein may now change his mind, and this possibility will be the focus of discussions when Hussein arrives in Washington later in February following medical treatment in Cleveland.

The administration's decision to revive the Jordanian strike force during this just convened session of Congress is also part of the strategy. Israel has been coming under strong pressure from Reagan and his aides not to oppose the scheme. During the first round of the U.S.-Israeli joint military/political group discussing strategic cooperation, this issue was high on the agenda.

But Israeli officials in Washington are still skeptical about the prospects of convincing Hussein that the time is ripe to take some risks for peace — no matter what. Several experienced U.S. officials agree. But they disagree strongly on the impact of a full-scale Jerusalem debate right now.

## Mini-miracles of surgery

By MARGERY GREENFELD/Jerusalem Post Reporter

transplanted sections are joined to the original central nerve governing sexual response, thus enabling the brain to interpret information from the transplanted organ correctly. Micro-surgery allows for maximum precision in joining the delicate webs of nerves and tissues, while penile erections are made possible through implanting a prosthesis.

Horton and Winslow also demonstrated a new technique for treating the common defect called hypospadias, or faulty placement of the opening of the urethra somewhere between its normal location on the tip of the penis and the scrotal sac.

Men suffering from untreated hypospadias cannot have sexual

relations because the penis, when erect, bends from the spot where the misplaced opening is located. This condition occurs in one out of every 200 male births in Israel, and one out of 300 in the U.S. The chances of a second son being born with hypospadias in a family where one case has already occurred are 12 to 15 per cent.

The new technique for treating hypospadias demonstrated by the two visitors can correct the condition in a single operation, rather than a series of operations as was previously necessary.

The technique involves lengthening the urethra and relocating its opening in the proper place by using sections of the foreskin to create the

necessary additional length of the duct. In this context, it should be noted that Jewish male infants born with hypospadias are not given a regular brit mila in order to preserve their foreskins for the reconstruction of the urethra. Rather, a symbolic brit is performed with a small puncture to allow just enough bleeding to meet halachic requirements.

All of the procedures described require a surgical team consisting of both plastic surgeons and urologists. During their visit, Horton and Winslow performed several complicated operations together with members of Sheba Hospital's plastic surgery department, headed by Prof. Hagai Tsur.

Both Horton and Winslow are from Norfolk, Virginia, where Prof. Horton is associate dean for clinical science relations and Winslow is associate professor at the Eastern Virginia Medical School. Their transportation costs for the visit were covered by the United Jewish Federation of Norfolk, while the two experts donated their time and services here. A regular exchange of doctors and researchers is now expected between the two medical schools.

## Possessed of an 'awful truth'

By BERNARD JOSEPHS Jerusalem Post Reporter

AUSCHWITZ survivor Bernie Offen is haunted by the tale of a man who escaped from a Nazi death camp. The man, a Jew, returned to his village and warned the people about what awaited them. They scoffed at his story — and paid with their lives.

Having emerged alive from the Holocaust, Offen is working, he says, to prevent another. He sees himself as that Jew, possessed of an awful truth to which few will listen. "I am telling people, 'Stop before it is too late.' I am crying *gevalt*, like that poor Jew. Imagine his despair. He knows what is coming. He knows how it can be avoided. But people refuse to believe him."

The former laundry owner, whose death camp experience seems to have sensitized him to doom, has left his home and business in Detroit in order to spread his message, which boils down to this: Unless society changes, the slide to nuclear war is a virtual certainty.

In some places he has been written off as an anti-nuke nut. But many have listened to what he has to say in his slide-and-sound show, *The Work*, and Offen has a sheaf of encouraging letters.

Among his supporters is Shalmi Barmore, director of Yad Vashem's education department, who wrote: "As a survivor you challenge viewers to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and express your concern about a possible planetary holocaust. But above all you show us a hopeful spirit, and (tell us) of our responsibility to build a world in which a holocaust is not possible or acceptable. *The Work* needs to be shown as widely as possible to Jewish and non-Jewish audiences."

Offen has received backing from communal organizations in many parts of the U.S. where, until coming to Israel a few months ago, he travelled the country living on his savings and occasional fees.



Bernie Offen: 'Silence in the face of inhumanity is equivalent to complicity' (Mike Goldberg)

HE WAS NOT always a welcome guest. Offen recalls a Holocaust Day event in California when an invitation to speak was withdrawn at the last moment. "I told them I would deal with the nuclear issue and they decided I should not speak. They said they wanted to honour the Holocaust victims, not get involved in politics. Again, like that Jew in the story, there I was with a potentially life-saving warning and no one would listen."

Offen believes that man is locked in a self-destructive vortex: that religion, politics, education and economics all contributed towards the climate that caused the death camps and, which, today, can lead to global destruction.

He explains: "We are willing to die for an idea, but not to change our minds. We are muddling along and have reached the situation in which we actually talk about a nuclear war we might win. In our system human beings are not sacrosanct; they are expendable. And it isn't just people with power who feel this way, it is most of us."

In *The Work*, which he is currently showing locally during a year of yeshiva study in Jerusalem, Offen displays the experience of Auschwitz.

This is, he says, not just a way of understanding what the Holocaust meant to an individual, but also a healing process. The audience is exposed to the horrors of what happened, and also to his thesis "that it doesn't have to be that way again."

"My aim is to get people to re-examine their lives and attitudes. To

understand that how they conduct themselves not only matters to those near them, but can also ultimately contribute to a transformation of society.

"I know this is true from my own experience. In Auschwitz, where I was only 13 years old, I survived because of the actions of a few selfless people. They gave me bread and clothing. When we were being force marched, they hid me in the middle so I didn't get badly beaten. There were little miracles all along the line and together they added up to my survival."

Such "miracles," on a sufficiently large scale, Offen believes, can tip the balance away from destruction and towards an attitude of collaboration and peace.

He is aware that his effort is "a drop in the ocean" but feels compelled to carry on. "Silence in the face of inhumanity is equivalent to complicity," he says.

For years, he recalls, he kept the memory of the Holocaust out of his mind. Then he read a news report of how a Pentagon computer malfunction pushed the world to the edge of war.

It triggered a flood of memories and the feeling "my God, it's going to happen again."

Says Offen: "I decided then and there that whatever I could do to stop this process, I would do. I have seen the end of the world and I know what man is capable of. It is as if I made an agreement with God that, having survived Dostoyevsky, I would tell my story to stop it from happening again."

## The rights of the prisoner

LAW REPORT/Asher Felix Landau

Our sages placed particular emphasis on human dignity, even of a convicted criminal. Maimonides stressed this point, and it was laid down in the Talmud that even the death sentence should be carried out with full regard for the prisoner's honour and without undue suffering. For the precept, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," extends even to a condemned felon. On the same basis, a doctor is permitted to treat a patient, for under Jewish law, the consent of a person to the wounding of his own body is not binding.

Justice Elon then pointed out that imprisonment as a punishment was unknown to original Jewish law, and that when it was introduced under the influence of other legal systems, every care was to be taken to preserve a prisoner's dignity — such as, for example, the separation of prisoners awaiting trial from those convicted.

CIVIL imprisonment for debt, Justice Elon continued, was also unknown to original Jewish law. Later, however, when practical considerations demanded its introduction in autonomous Jewish communities, careful safeguards were laid down to protect the debtor's honour. For example, the regulations of the Jewish Community Council of Lithuania, from the year 1637, provided that the imprisonment might be for a short, defined period only, and that the creditor must provide the debtor with food and drink, as laid down by the court.

These provisions stand in sharp contrast to the law of England at that time, for in a case decided in 1663 Lord Hyde said, "If a man be taken in execution and he lie in prison for debt, neither the plaintiff at whose suit he was arrested, nor the sheriff who took him, is bound to find him meat, drink or clothes; he must live on his own, or on the charity of others, and if no man will relieve him, let him die in the name of God, says the law and so say I."

Of course, Justice Elon added, these conceptions no longer apply, and in the United States "it is now well established that prisoners retain all their constitutional rights, except for those which must be impinged upon for security or rehabilitative purposes."

This means, in the present context, that while the authorities may not interfere with the prisoner's right to the medical advice and treatment of his choice, they are not obliged to finance that treatment, for "persons convicted of felonies do not acquire by virtue of their conviction a constitutional right to services and benefits unavailable as of right to persons never convicted."

Justice Elon then examined the relevant provisions of the Prisons Ordinance (New Version) of 1972, and the regulations thereunder, and concluded that the same position holds in Israel.

THIS RIGHT of a prisoner, Justice Elon went on, is only available to him as long as it does not conflict with the duty of the authorities to restrict his freedom and maintain security and order in the prison. Like all other basic rights, it is not absolute, but must be weighed against other legitimate interests.

Justice Elon then cited a number of Supreme Court precedents in which, while holding that "prison walls do not deprive a man of his dignity as a human being," the court had considered the conflicting interests involved in varying circumstances. The rule is, he said, that a prisoner's rights may not be infringed unless justified by reasonable security and administrative requirements, and then only the minimum infringement will be permitted. The degree of justification required will increase with the importance of the right infringed.

In a case such as the present, it was proper to consider the gravity of the prisoner's illness, the various treatments available, and the fact

that he had been under treatment prior to his arrest; to the extent that two or three of these elements existed, the stronger would be the grounds required to justify refusing his request.

Another element was whether or not the treatment could be given inside the prison. The fear that the drug might find its way to other prisoners was certainly important, but it could only overcome the prisoner's right discussed if there were really no alternative, even with the taking of special security precautions.

Since the respondent, as stated above, would receive suitable alternative treatment inside the prison, the appeal would be allowed, but no order made as to costs.

Advocate Renato Yarak, director of the High Court Division of the State Attorney's office, appeared for the State, and Advocate Yitzhak Houminger for the respondent.

NOTE: The judgement in H.C. 650/82, reported on November 28, 1983, was given by the President, Justice Yitzhak Kahan, and not as published.

In the Supreme Court, before Justice Menachem Elon, Judge Avraham Halima and Judge Theodore Orr. In the matter between the State of Israel, appellant, and Avriel ben Atri, Tamlir, respondent, (Prisoner's Appeal 482).

THE RESPONDENT, a drug addict, was held in custody awaiting trial. Prior to his arrest he was given a permit by the Ministry of Health to receive specified doses of the drug Adolan (Methadone), and he claimed the right to continue this treatment in prison.

Since the prison medical officer was of opinion that suitable alternative treatment was available in the prison itself, and in view of the risk that the drug, being brought into the prison from outside, might also reach other prisoners, his demand was refused.

He then petitioned the District Court, which ordered the State to comply with his demand, and the State appealed to the Supreme Court.

According to an affidavit presented to the Supreme Court on behalf of the Ministry of Health, the respondent had been permitted to receive Adolan, since he was not at that time under any kind of control which would help him to resist the craving for drugs. Since, however, he was now in custody, the dosage of Adolan could be reduced, and other suitable treatment given under the supervision of the prison medical officer.

THE JUDGMENT of the Supreme Court was given by Justice Menachem Elon, who indicated that in view of the affidavit filed, the practical difficulty in the present case had been resolved. The court, however, would give its ruling on the principles involved as requested by counsel for the State.

The Supreme Court had already held that every man has a basic right to physical and emotional wellbeing and not to be physically handled against his will, and this includes the right to choose the doctor who is to treat him.

Peace Recital — Michael Boguslavsky (broadcast from YNCA, Jerusalem, January 29). Back-School: Chaconne; Brahms: Three Intermezzi, opus 117; Shostakovich: Piano 24 Preludes, opus 34, Preludes and Fugue Nos. 15 and 24; Schumann: Fantasy, opus 17.

MICHAEL BOGUSLAVSKY is certainly a pianist of stature. Technically, nothing seems too difficult for him, and all the doublings Busoni added to Bach's *Chaconne* for Violin Solo to turn it into a bravura piece, were executed with precision and impressive virtuosity. He applied a softer touch and dynamics in the Brahms "Intermezzi," which, for some reason, seem to belong to the repertoire of every

## Among the best

pianists coming from Russia. But, here as in the Schumann Fantasy, affinity to German Romanticism is not overwhelmingly apparent; on the other hand, his rendition of the Shostakovich revealed a very close identification.

In the Schumann "Fantasy,"

Boguslavsky performed the technically demanding parts with great brilliance, though not quite in conformity with the work's general atmosphere. Then, his touch becomes rather percussive and his attitude too aggressive to maintain the faintly indecisive character of this music, with its dreamy quality in the slow movement, which must be maintained without emotional exaggeration or dragging of its melodious flow. Still, in sum, it was an impressive recital, proving again that Boguslavsky ranks among the top pianists in the country.

Yohanan Boehm

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## 10% rises almost across-the-board

TEL AVIV. — Psychologists call it "the madness of the crowd," when they describe a simultaneous identical pattern of behaviour adopted by a large group of people, for which no firm basis in logic is evident. This term was frequently applied in describing "bull" and "bear" markets of the past. A prime example on the world's stock exchanges was the Dutch tulip craze two centuries ago.

Over the past three sessions we have witnessed an upward market which was ignited primarily by the announcement of a new savings scheme based on bank shares which are part of the agreement with the Treasury. Nearly any schoolboy could point out that the First International Bank is offering savers a deal which is in no way superior to that which they could get by buying the same bank shares on the open market.

However, it seems that by taking the bank shares and calling them a "savings scheme" with a monthly payout, has given them a totally new character. The savings scheme obviously carries little of the opprobrium which has been heaped on the bank shares since the fateful days of last October. In fact, it can only be called a financial hocus-pocus which quickly catches on and becomes an instant hit. Response, which has spilled over from the bank group to nearly every other sector of trading. The reasoning — such as it is — seems to be that if the bank shares are good, why shouldn't industrials and other groups of trading return to fashion? Once again, mass psychology seemed firmly at work.

The proof of the pudding was in the eating yesterday, as bank shares

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

were ahead by some 10 per cent on the average. The demand for the bank shares quickly spilled over and spread to all other groups, as these also showed gains of up to 10 per cent.

A number of issues moved up by as much as 15 per cent. However, it was Danot 1 which stole the show. In a sterling performance the shares of the investment company soared by no less than 34.5 per cent. The Danot 5 shares were only 11.6 per cent gainers.

No fewer than 235 issues advanced by five per cent or better. Of these, 46 were "buyers only."

The sharply-advancing issues clearly overshadowed the 17 issues which fell by five per cent or more. Among these only two issues were on the "sellers only" list.

The index-linked bond market also scored strong gains with prices advancing by the maximum allowable five per cent. In the case of index-linked bonds the explanation for the advances could be found in the action of financial institutions which were buying index-linked bonds in cover of savings schemes. The action is a time-honoured one and can be seen repeating itself as each month closes out.

The shekel was devalued by one agora, which left the monthly devaluation of the local currency against the dollar at slightly under 15 per cent.

Commercial bank circles in-

dicated that the high-level purchases of dollars for Palam accounts, which had accompanied last week's sales of index-linked bonds, had abated considerably.

In the mortgage bank group there were gains of up to 10 per cent. Tefahot, Binyan and Mortgage and Development were among the beneficiaries of the 10 per cent gains.

The picture was fairly much the same in the financial institutions group.

There were plenty of gains to be noted in the insurance sector. However, the advances were more moderate than in the other groups. Securitas, with a 11.7 per cent gain, was the group leader.

The service and trade group was less restrained and prices boomed ahead smartly. Bonded Warehouses 0.1 was 15 per cent higher, while the option picked up 21.3 per cent.

The computer group of shares was notably weak and traded in a mixed pattern.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation group came into full bloom. Property & Building was back in good form and its shares picked up a full 10 per cent gain. Israelom was a 15 per cent winner.

Industrials enjoyed strong demand and prices advanced accordingly.

The lower-priced shares came in for their share of the upside action. A case in point were the Vitale shares. The IS1 shares were 15 per cent higher, while the IS5 shares were 10 per cent to the good. Blue-chip Polgat was 8.6 per cent higher.

In the high-technology part of the industrial sector Arit came through with a 15 per cent upward move. Elbit was up fractionally, while Elron fell by a sliver.

Spectronix was 15 per cent higher.

The Dead Sea Works continued to chug ahead and picked up 10.1 per cent. Frutaron was in great form and soared by 23 per cent. Molett Paper was a 10 per cent winner. Clal Industries was 13.3 per cent higher.

Investment company issues were among the best performers. Discount Investments bearer gained 15 per cent, while the registered shares were nearly 10 per cent higher. Jordan Investments was up by almost 18 per cent, but it was beaten by Oz Investments 0.5, which gained 19.4 per cent. Piryon was an even better feature as it sprinted ahead by 21 per cent.

**Most active stocks**  
Hapoim R 2780 450.00/2m. +220  
Leumi 1770 343.75/2m. +160  
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Shares traded: 151,500 m.  
Convertible: 151,500 m.  
Bonds: 151,500 m.

LONDON BANK RATES		
	Jan 31, 1984	Prev. Close
Bank base rate	9	9
Call money	8 1/4	8 1/4
91-day Treasury	8 1/4	8 1/4
3-month Interbank	9 1/4	9 1/4
Lloyds Bank		

### Bank of Israel exchange rates

January 31, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	123.72
British sterling	173.95
German mark	43.69
French franc	14.372
Dutch guilder	39.053
Swiss franc	55.146
Swedish krona	15.125
Norwegian krone	15.724
Danish krone	12.123
Finnish mark	20.820
Canadian dollar	99.067
Australian dollar	113.57
South African rand	97.473
Belgian franc (10)	21.520
Austrian schilling (10)	62.389
Italian lire (100)	52.705
Japanese yen (100)	135.97
Irish pound	77.934
Spanish peseta (100)	77.934
Jordanian dinar	325.38
Lebanese lira	21.330
Egyptian pound	108.56

Commercial Banks	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
(not part of "arrangement")				
OHK	1200	32	n.c.	—
Maritime 0.1	336	1445	n.c.	—
Maritime 0.5	138	1366	+2	+1.4
N. American 1	3690	88	+17	+1.3
N. American 5	2331	127	+20	+1.2
N. American 10	1359	359	+208	+18.4
N. Am. op. 1	300	64	-77	-34.5
Danot 1	77	432	-8	-11.6
Danot 5	194	633	+17	+9.9
Danot 10	252	2767	+31	+14.0
First Int'l 5	230	3651	+16	+7.2

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IDB p	4401	—	+7401	+9.6
IDB R	4090	6722	+370	+10.0
IDB B	3885	b.o.i.	+100	+2.6
Hapoim R	2780	b.o.i.	+100	+3.6
IDB p A	2760	b.o.i.	+345	+12.5
IDB op 1	3020	1468	+250	+9.0
Finance Trade 0.1	5170	21	+420	+8.8
Discount A	3870	70	+420	+8.8
Discount op 2	5170	1848	+450	+8.8
Discount B	378	b.o.i.	+238	+3.1
Mizrahi R	1680	9688	+150	+9.8
Mizrahi op 1	1530	102	n.c.	—
Mizrahi op 12	12680	351	+300	+2.4
Mizrahi op 6	13679	3	+1000	+7.8
Mizrahi op 18	740	180	+60	+8.9
Hapoim R	3256	10	n.c.	—
Hapoim R	2780	16187	+250	+9.9
Gen. Mortgage	1267	151	+46	+3.6
Hapoim R 8	9818	b.o.i.	+300	+3.0
General A	7050	294	+600	+9.3
General op 8	15850	b.o.i.	+1250	+8.6
General op 9	6470	b.o.i.	+300	+4.6
General op 7	5247	b.o.i.	+470	+9.0
General op 10	120	128	+10	+8.3
Leumi 0.1	1770	2493	+160	+9.0
Leumi op 1	2399	158	+209	+10.0
Leumi op 11	680	413	+4	+0.6
Finance Trade 1	12680	351	+300	+2.4
Finance Trade 5	12625	22	+100	+8.9
Finance Trade 10	1960	5	+210	+12.0

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Adanim 0.1	849	10	+24	+2.9
Gen. Mortgage	1267	151	+46	+3.6
Gen. Mortgage	1485	—	—	—
Carmel op	720	95	+20	+2.9
Carmel deb	128	176	n.c.	—
Binyan	899	29	+8	+1.0
Dev. Mortgage	140	107	+40	+10.0
Dev. Mortgage b	465	—	—	—
Dev. Mortgage c	220	20	+20	+10.0
Mishkan R	3600	3	n.c.	—
Mishkan deb	1920	10	+12	+0.6
Tefahot p	820	—	+70	+9.3
Tefahot R	809	50	+74	+10.0
Tefahot deb. 1	374	53	+34	+10.0
Tefahot deb. 2	158	258	+5	+3.2
Jaysour	398	104	n.c.	—
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Meir Ezra op	172	68	
Teta 1	138	27	
Teta 5	90	13	
Teta op	30	351	
Clal Trade	270	194	
Clal Trade up	315	108	
Crystal 1	119	69	
Kapac 0.1	650	12	
Kapac 0.5	181	64	
Supersol 2	1260	7	
Supersol B 10	480	231	
Supersol op C	179	9	
Services			
Delek r	1496	b.o.l	+
Israel 1	569	b.o.l	+
Israel 5	213	591	+
Lighterage 0.1	358	42	+
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## On the Levinson 'affair'

THE FORMER managing director and board chairman of Bank Hapoalim finally broke his silence on Sunday. Calling in a select few reporters, Ya'acov Levinson denied and rejected any charges that he was responsible for "irregularities" in the conduct of financial operations involving the bank or its subsidiaries.

The so-called Levinson affair has been nebulous from the beginning, despite all the wordage in the press. Mr. Levinson's statement did not shed any more light. It came apparently in response to reports that seemed to originate with those now ranged against him in the bank, which he directed for so long.

Mr. Levinson's statement did not confront or rebut the conclusions reached by the directors of Hevrat Ha'Ovdim to the effect that his successor in the bank, Giora Gazit, acted properly in initiating an investigation and did not slander Mr. Levinson; that irregularities were revealed in the activities of Mr. Levinson and the former head of the bank's international and foreign exchange division, Haim Bergstein; and that the internal Hevrat Ha'Ovdim inquiry committee did not receive satisfactory answers.

Mr. Levinson flatly denied to the reporters having carried out any operations without the consent of the bank's management, of attempting to remove Ampal, the investment company, from Bank Hapoalim's control, or of having in any way pursued operations detrimental to the bank's interests. He suggested as well that the origins of the affair lay in a power struggle which developed between himself and his successor, Mr. Gazit, for which he blamed the latter.

That there has been a power struggle at the top of the country's second largest bank is evident. Neither its relevance nor its origins can be judged, however, on the basis of statements to the press. There is as well, in the stream of information from sources in the bank, an aura of long-pent up grudges now finding their release. Yet none of this information contains hard substance which could enlighten the public. Certainly none of it can have done the bank any good, especially at a time when all of Israel's banking system is seeking to recover from the shocks of the bank-shares affair.

Since the board of directors of Hevrat Ha'Ovdim decided to give over further inquiry into the charges levelled against Mr. Levinson to the Attorney General, neither generalized accusations from bank sources, nor blanket denials by Mr. Levinson can persuade a puzzled public. If the questions raised about aspects of Mr. Levinson's performance are indeed of such weight as to warrant appeal to the Attorney General for further inquiry, then only his opinion can clear the air. And if they do not justify such inquiry, that too can now only be determined by the Attorney General's findings.

Because of the publicity which the affair has received, the public has a right to know — and soon — what all the shouting is about. At present, it does not even know of precisely what Mr. Levinson stands accused.

But that right to know should be addressed with specific and concrete information, not vague resolutions which can only further harm the parties involved and befuddle the public.

In this circumstance only the Attorney General will be able to supply satisfactory answers. Until then good sense and propriety would counsel reticence upon the principals and the press.

## SHINUI DELAYS

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Berman and Zeigerman are thought to be aiming to set up a new centre list to contest the new elections. A 35-day period until polling day would leave them very little time. Zeigerman said yesterday that at least three or four months are necessary.

Shinui MK Mordechai Virshubski indicated yesterday that, if the support of the two Liberal MKs for Shinui's bill depends on keeping the present 100-day pre-elections period, Shinui would be ready to forgo its plan to shorten that period.

The next target on Shinui's list was Tami, which gave no answer. Tami leaders intimated privately that they would oppose the initiative. The party's secretariat was due to take up the matter officially today, but will now probably not tackle the question before tomorrow.

But off the record, Tami spokesmen are explaining that they are in no hurry. Early elections are not a desirable option as far as the party is concerned and Tami would like to wait at least long enough to see whether the undertakings made last week by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad are being fulfilled.

This may come next month, when the new budget is due to be put before the Knesset, or as late as April, when the new fiscal year begins.

Alignment insiders predict that a row between Tami and the Likud will certainly flare up and that will

provide Labour with the opportunity it has waited for.

But meanwhile a new element has entered the Tami-Likud equation. Alignment MK Gad Ya'acobi has proposed a bill disqualifying anyone who has been convicted of a felony from running for the Knesset for 10 years. This could affect Tami leader MK Aharon Abuhatzira.

Ya'acobi's bill would not pass without support from the coalition. As long as Tami remains loyal, there is little reason for the Likud and its other partners to vote for such a bill. But the very submission of the bill provides the Likud with leverage over Abuhatzira and Tami.

Alignment leaders think that MKs Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yigael Hurvitz will have tired of their attempts to set up a national unity government in a few weeks, and will also climb on the early-elections bandwagon. Yesterday both said they would not support early elections now, before a serious attempt is made to broaden the government.

Tehiya, which has an early elections bill of its own pending, is to discuss the question today; but it is not expected to support an opposition bill.

The National Religious Party would have opposed Shinui's bill today, but says it will weight the issue anew when it comes up again. However, the NRP is considered ill-prepared for elections, because of the deep internal strife dividing the party.

# The time of the mole

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

THIS IS the time of the mole in Israeli politics. The action is underground. While there is some movement, there is little light. The public is left gasping for breath.

There are some protests. Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira sermonizes against tunneling under the Treasury, this being a monopoly of the Aguda. Shimon Peres tries again to tunnel under the Shamir coalition, with his party divided between those who regret the attempt and those who regret its failure. True to the faith, former chief rabbi Shlomo Goren complains that Burg's police prevented religious nationalists from tunneling under the Temple Mount.

This government will not fall. It does not have the strength. It will just cave in, when the time comes. How long must we wait?

Not very long, if the recent no-confidence Knesset debate is any indication. Herut behaves like an opposition party. Its parliamentary antics hark back to the good old days of the Fifties, which is why they are more appropriate to the street than to the Knesset.

Herut, with or without Menachem Begin, remains an opposition party that happens to be in power. That must be what that impartial observer who has worked both sides of the street, Tami's Aharon Uzan, means by the lack of a culture of governing. Irrespective of his popular support, Shamir heads a government of dissidents. After nearly seven years in office, Herut is yet to hold the sceptre with a firm, natural grip.

Just as Herut has remained a party in power, rather than a

governing party, so the prime minister, a former Mossad agent, has managed to surface, while still remaining below the level of visibility. Perhaps this makes him less vulnerable as a political target. But there exists a nagging suspicion that, in effect, no one is in charge.

No one seems to know what Shamir was doing during the years after the Bernadotte assassination, until he joined the Mossad in 1955. Perhaps that is his affair. But what has he been doing since he formed his government? Serving as prime minister seems to be only his cover.

SHIMON PERES has gone the underground route in trying to bring down the Shamir government, because there really is no other way. The less confidence it enjoys, the more support it will receive on no-confidence motions. Tami voted confidence in the government at the same time that it was demonstrating its level of confidence by demanding that it have its deal in writing.

There is no responsibility under our present system, in the sense that a price must be paid for failure. Yoram Aridor would still be minister of finance, if it were simply a matter of ministerial responsibility. He quit only when he lost the confidence of his party cohorts. He had lost the confidence of the country and of the Knesset long before, without untoward consequences.

Yigael Hurvitz took an unusual step when he abstained in the recent confidence vote, to express his lack of confidence. Would he have acted in the same way if he knew that his

vote was crucial?

In the days of the Third Republic, the French used to speak of *ministres*. They were members of parliament who considered themselves potential ministers and waited for the appropriate moment to bring down the incumbent government, climbing to office on its demise. This made for a constant turnover. Instability was one of the severest consequences of the French multi-party system.

In Israel, multi-party government suffers from the opposite vice — excessive stability. Surely this is not a consequence of lack of ambition on the part of Knesset hopefuls. Rather it is a measure of their total dependence on the party machinery.

A change of government in Israel depends on the defection of a coalition faction, which presumably can occur only when there is an alternative more attractive than its present position. It certainly was not the rather notorious talent of the Tami leadership in the field of finance that led to the proposal to put them in charge of a Histadrut banking affiliate.

As the economic situation worsens, there will be more pressure on the government to resist translating Tami's conditions into budgetary allocations. There might come a point at which Aharon Abuhatzira and Aharon Uzan will decide that the time has come to switch sides. It will be a matter of cool calculation. Labour's leadership seems prepared to speak a language that Tami understands. Next time it may speak louder and more distinctly.

## Dry Bones



The other potential defector, Agudat Yisrael, can probably be had for the price of enactment of its halachic conversion amendment to the Law of Return. It is worth bringing this possibility to public notice, if only in the hope that it will discourage the Labour Party leadership from being tempted to make the Aguda an offer.

Meanwhile, the underground activity will continue. At this point, it does not appear likely that any foreseeable domestic development will bring it to an end. Cataclysmic

external events, such as an American aid freeze or a Hussein peace offer, acceptable to Liberal or religious party doves, do not seem to be in the cards. With the main government parties fearful of early elections, there may simply be no exit from the present situation of a government that remains in power due to, rather than in spite of, lack of confidence in it. If so, the time of the mole may be with us for the duration of the present Knesset.

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# Imperative of the hour

By DANIEL GAVRON

"Being practical has never been the Jewish answer. The Hasmonians were not practical. They overcame the superpowers of their day. We, their heirs, must pursue this same 'impossible' course... we will, with God's help, prevail."

It is not my intention here to enter into a historical argument with Gush Emunim. Interested readers are referred to I Maccahees, 9:18-27 if they want to learn where the "impractical" policy of the Hasmonians led this nation. I speak for those of us who deem it wise to temper their faith with a dash of pragmatism.

THIS COUNTRY has to lower its sights and return to the real world. To achieve this, we need a strong, broadly-based government, willing to tell the truth and to take some very difficult decisions. A National Unity Government, which includes the Likud, as currently constituted, will not be able to take the necessary action.

Israel's first prime minister,

David Ben-Gurion, had a formula which we would do well to follow: without Herut and the Communists. He wanted as broadly-based a consensus as possible; but he excluded both those who did not really believe in Zionism (the Communists) and those whose rigid refusal to face reality was liable to prevent its realization (Herut).

It is no accident that Herut and Gush Emunim prefer the ethereal term "Land of Israel," to the concrete reality of the "State of Israel." In their own way, they are as opposed to the state as the extreme left, or the ultra-Orthodox zealots. The wheel has come a full circle with the town of Emanuel, established in Samaria with Gush Emunim support under the patronage of a Herut-dominated government. Its leaders proclaim openly that they are not "Zionist," and would be quite content to live under an Arab regime.

MODERN ZIONISM should not be confused with the mystical longing

for the Messianic age. It was an eminently practical movement which aimed to establish a state for the Jewish people: Jerusalem on the ground — not Jerusalem in the sky. It was prepared to fight for this; but also to make compromises when necessary. Both Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion, despite their fierce disputes, had the capacity for calculating the possible and then going all-out to achieve it.

Today we need a broadly-based government; but not one that includes impractical dreamers or fanatics. It should include much of the Likud, Ezer Weizmann, the centre, the Labour party and Mapam.

Most recently this "coalition" was effective in approving the Camp David Accords and the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty, which were opposed only by some Herut MKs, extremist elements in the National Religious Party and the Communists. What is needed is the revival of this "Camp David Consensus."

considering either a National Unity Government with the Likud as presently constituted, or an "alternative government." It must go all-out for early elections and put itself at the head of a wide coalition of practical Zionist parties.

A government based on these forces would have to cut public spending, negotiate a speedy withdrawal from Lebanon, open negotiations with Jordan and the Palestinians, with the aim of withdrawing from the West Bank and tell the Syrians that the Golan Heights are on the table in return for a non-belligerency agreement.

These are bitter pills for the Israeli public to swallow and the best man to spell out the truth in simple terms is former president Yitzhak Navon. In the dark days after Sabra and Shatila, Navon came forward to save our national honour. Now he must put himself at the head of an "alliance for sanity," that will ensure our national existence. His personality, his style and his political legacy make him the ideal leader.

The imperative of the hour is for a return to the wise, pragmatic policies of David Ben-Gurion. No one is more suitable for implementing them than his former close colleague and disciple, Yitzhak Navon.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

FROM THE liberalization policy of the late Simha Ehrlich to the Napoleonic posturing of the very much alive Ariel Sharon, the Likud governments have behaved as if Israel were a superpower.

Sharon has never kept this fundamental belief a secret, and he launched the Lebanon War to change the face of the Middle East. Ehrlich, a more likeable and genial character, was no less arrogant when he abolished foreign currency controls. Far stronger economies have hesitated to jump unprotected into the economic fray. Earlier this month Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad pointed out that, in limiting foreign currency purchases to \$2,000, Israel was still being more liberal than France. South Africa, with its mighty gold reserves, does not permit its citizens to take their money out of the country.

There is no doubt that under the premiership of Yitzhak Shamir the government is setting its sights considerably lower; but it is still committed to the development and production of the Lavi fighter plane, a project that far larger economies might hesitate to launch. The Likud and its allies have a vision of this country and its capacities, which is not based on any sort of reality.

An early leaflet of Gush Emunim contained the following passage:

## READERS' LETTERS

### WIZO DAY-CARE CENTRES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Many parents have complained bitterly about the increase in their children's fees at WIZO's 153 day-care centres.

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ADINA MATALON, Chairman,  
Child Care Department  
WIZO

Tel Aviv.

### WORLD WAR I

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your magazine of December 30, you illustrated a story on German Jews with a picture, taken on August 7, 1914, showing a troop of Prussian Guards passing through Berlin's Unter den Linden on their way to World War I. The man on horseback with the shako may well have been me.

One can recognize how glad people were then, saying carefully, "See you again at Christmas." But it was Christmas four years later when the soldiers came back.

The Germans, and particularly the army, were very glad at the time to finally be at war again after 43 years of peace. Our Lieutenant said as much in so many words, and we Jews could only agree against our will.

As far as I was concerned, one year's voluntary service became five years' involuntary servitude.

LUDWIG BORNSTEIN

Tel Aviv.

### GAUCHER'S DISEASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We believe your readers will be interested to know that we now have a Gaucher's Disease Registry newsletter for victims of this Jewish genetic disease. There are many victims in Israel.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have just returned from the Jerusalem Study Tour at the Plaza Hotel which you advertised and I would like you to know what an excellent holiday it was.

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